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Baptists Are Not Protestants



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BAPTISTS ARE NOT PROTESTANTS By E. D. Estes

Baptists are Baptists—not Protestants. Catholics are Catholics and Protestants are Protestants. Baptists had their beginning with Jesus who took the people whom John Baptist prepared under God's decree: Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1; Mark chapter 1; Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7, and He established His First Baptist Church, which was located in Jerusalem. Jesus commissioned and empowered this selfsame church to preach REPENTANCE toward God and faith in Jesus Christ, to lost sinners and then to baptize (IMMERSE in water) those who trust Jesus for salvation and then teach them to observe ALL THINGS HE commanded. Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8. Baptists have NO creeds, catechism nor overlords over them, except what is found in the Holy Bible. There are some few so-called Baptists here, there and yonder who might misuse the sacred Scriptures. True Baptists are the only religious people who practice democracy in our churches. Baptists being more than 500 years older than Catholic, could not come out of that religion. Catholic religion (not a church) is a developed religion from the days of Constantine, Gregory VII and Boniface III which grew into its power and zenith about 606 A. D. and brought on the "dark ages"—the slaughtering and even burning to death the early Baptists, "called Christians first at Antioch," Acts 11:26. Protestants are those who follow after the teachings of great leaders who were saved and BROKE from the Catholic religion, such as: John Calvin, Martin Luther, Henry VIII, John and Charles Wesley, etc., and later Alexander Campbell and other isms galore. Be it forever understood, that any person and EVERY person who trusts Jesus Christ for salvation is saved with an everlasting

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Soldier's Life on Guadalcanal Described by Mississippi Army Chaplain

Details of life back home which you may think are too insignificant to be included in your letter to the soldier overseas are exactly what he wants to hear about, according to a report to the War Department by Chaplain (Major) Alvie L. McKnight, of Cleveland, Mississippi, who has just returned to the United States after five months of duty on Guadalcanal. "The soldier wants the intimate details of life back home," Chaplain McKnight said. "That the girl two doors down has taken a war plant job, or that the couple across the street have had a baby may make your letter read like a personal column in a small-town weekly newspaper, but that's what he wants."

"But by all means, don't tell the soldier about your troubles. He has enough of his own. Domestic troubles affect the morale of the soldier at the front more than anything else. "Something to live for and go back to is what keeps a soldier going. It is what gives a man fight. Home life is everything to the man at the front."

Like others who have returned from overseas, Chaplain McKnight said that he could not put enough emphasis on the fact that the soldier likes his mail. "He wants and needs more, and more, and more. There's nothing as depressing as seeing a

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UNFULFILLED PROMISES

By Dr. Kyle M. Yates,
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Louisville, Kentucky

(This address by Dr. K. M. Yates, former professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, should strike a responsive chord in the hearts of our readers. It is one of the most uplifting articles that we have read in a long time.—Editor.)

Show me your dreams and I will read the riddle of your life. It is not what you get or need or request but what you long for in the inner depths of your heart that reveals the true man. What are your longings, your deepest desires? How high is your aim? How noble is your ideal? What is your purpose in life? What is the value of a great purpose? Even though this purpose is never reached, the very power of it in your life can never be estimated. A big purpose will make a great life. . . .

In I Chronicles 28:1-6 we are given an insight into a broken heart. . . .

California a Challenging Field

Former Mississippi Sunday School Worker Finds Fields Inviting

This is the greatest challenge that ever came to my consciousness. I just wish you folks back there could see and understand it. It is the most fertile field Southern Baptists have. There are over 200,000 Southern Baptists in California just waiting for someone to round them up, organize a Southern Baptist Church, and enlist them. Five new churches have been organized since I came, and six others have come into our fellowship. We now have 48 cooperating churches in our convention. That is 45.5% increase over last May, when our Convention was recognized by the Southern Baptist Convention. We could organize six more churches right now if we just had pastors for them. That is our greatest need. Young, trained, consecrated, energetic preachers!

It is not an easy job. But it is the most glorious task in God's Kingdom's work!—this doing a pioneer mission work, right in the U. S. A. Many of our pastors or their wives work (as Paul did) to support themselves, from six months to a year, until the church is able to sustain them. And there are plenty of jobs. Why, they pay farm labor sixty cents an hour. In the shipyards they pay 95 cents an hour while you learn. Green, inexperienced men or women get 60 cents an hour to start on in the air-

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Chaplain Turner Killed In Action



CHAPLAIN GUY HENRY TURNER

First Fatality Among Southern Baptist Chaplains

Death in action of Chaplain Guy Henry Turner, former pastor of Central Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, has been reported by the War Department.

Chaplain Turner was on duty on the Aleutians. This is the first fatality reported of a Southern Baptist chaplain, according to Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work.

A graduate of Union University and of Southern Seminary, Chaplain Turner had been ten years pastor in Tennessee, including pastorates at Milan, Halls and Memphis. He was endorsed by the Home Board's committee on chaplaincy July 6, 1942, and was commissioned September 8, 1942.

"I knew Guy Turner well," a fellow chaplain, Milton O. Beebe of the second army, said of him. "He was a young man of splendid ability and unusual devotion to the ministry. He had those personal qualities which drew men to him."

"He was eager for the responsibilities of the chaplaincy. I never knew a more enthusiastic chaplain, or a more capable one. He gave unstintingly for the cause in which he believed. His last gift was his life."

Mrs. Turner, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Cox, of Bolivar, Tennessee, is living in Memphis, her address being 1793 Madison avenue, Apartment 48.

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A Gain of 83 for the Week

Sparks & Splinters

Canton: From the monthly letter mailed to the members of the First Baptist Church of Canton we glean the following facts: The present membership is 710—a net gain of 37 during 1943. There have been 56 additions in 1943. They now have \$6,000 in government bonds to be used for a building program when and if. Total contributions for the first six months of 1943, \$9,577. During the second quarter of 1943, mission contributions were as follows: 5M Club, \$55.25; 100 M Club, \$9; Earnest Seitz, \$25; ministerial education fund, \$50; Orphanage, \$140; Blue Mountain College, \$61.63; Cooperative Program, \$923.84; local missions, \$85; or a total of \$1,350.22 for the quarter. Total mission offering for the first six months of 1943, \$2,950.22. The honor roll contains the names of 71 people who are in some form of armed service.

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Rev. Hubert Hammett, Brookhaven; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Rev. W. A. Greene, Waynesboro; Rev. N. G. Hickman, Jackson; Mr. L. V. Young, Clinton; Dwight Young, Clinton; Rev. G. O. Parker, Magee; Rev. S. G. Pope, Mars Hill; Rev. G. W. Smith, Sallis; Miss Sydney C. Cunningham, Lexington; Rev. H. W. Roberson, Lexington.

Pricedale: I baptized eleven the first Sunday in June. We are looking forward to our revival which begins July 18th. Slick Green of Waynesboro will do the preaching.—James Thorn, pastor.

In a recent issue of the Record we listed Bogue Chitto in Pike county as having 34 subscribers. The correct number is 55.

Voting Time: Let us remember when we go to vote that it is as impossible to build and keep a good country without God as it is to build a good chimney without cement. When you go to vote be sure you are voting for a Christian. Our trouble in this world today is that it has been run without God. If you can't vote for a Christian, don't vote at all.—Joe Woodyear, Roxie, Miss.

N. G. Hickman, former pastor at Indianola, has received a commission as chaplain and will report to the Chaplains' School at Harvard University on July 6. After a six weeks' period of training, he will be assigned somewhere. His son, Charles, who has been a student at Mississippi College and prominent in athletics, is also beginning his service in the Navy. A young son and Mrs. Hickman will live in Jackson.

Billy Watson, supply pastor at Ruleville, reports a fine Youth Revival with the following results: "We are very happy about the results of our Youth Revival which closed Friday night with the Bible School Commencement program. We are happy to have had Miss Jimmie Todd and Mr. Kenney Pepper with us for the two weeks. They have meant much to the spiritual life of our church; our prayers and best wishes go with them as they leave us to go to other fields of labor. There were ten additions by baptism and two by letter."

Have you made your gift to the Blue Mountain College Endowment fund?

What it Takes: To meet the spiritual needs of men in the armed forces, a group of laymen of various denominations has recently published a book called "What It Takes." It contains short, pithy articles and stories such as the experience of Captain Rickenbacker. The book is compact in form, 76 pages with illustrations. Single copies are 25c. All who have seen "What It Takes" find that it fills a real need in supplementing the purely devotional books with stories of faith in action. Ministers and other Christian workers will find it especially helpful; many churches are mailing to each serviceman on their roll. Special rates for such "church mailings" can be obtained from: "What It Takes," 61 Gramercy Park, New York.

Davenport, Iowa (RNS)—The propriety of the navy's V-12 plan for guiding the selection of men for chaplains was questioned at the upper Iowa annual conference of the Methodist church here. A report on the state of the church pointed out that under this program the government "controls educational policies, gives financial support to theological students, condenses seminary curriculum, and makes other changes which seriously overreach the traditional custom whereby the church has been free to train its ministry without constraint from the state." The report contended that no pressure of wartime emergency must be allowed to interfere with the separation of church and state.

Our readers will please take notice that the address of Evangelistic Pastor E. D. Estes is Post Office Box 249, Eupora, Mississippi.

We are glad to add the name of Webb church, J. H. Pennebaker, pastor, to our honor roll of churches that are giving the amount usually used for the Pastor's Convention expense to the Now Club or other mission causes.

UNFULFILLED PURPOSES (Continued from Page One)

goes, and be the victim of a hostile environment, and yet climb to incredible heights because of a high aim, a big purpose and a noble resolve. . . .

In a distant state two brothers lived on a poor farm. They had no money, no clothes, no education, no hope of anything in life beyond a monotonous existence spent in exacting toil. One of the boys startled his people with the announcement that he was going to be the greatest surgeon in the world. His brother and the neighbors laughed at him. How could a poor, ignorant, ordinary country boy do anything so preposterous? Why attempt such an impossible task? In the heart of that boy a dream grew and burned with increasing beauty. His brother laughed at such fool ideas and continued his ordinary duties. Today in a magnificent suite of offices in a large city one of the greatest surgeons in all the land gives himself in tireless effort to help suffering humanity. Though still a young man he has taken his place among the truly great surgeons of our generation. . . . The difference between the two boys was not in heredity or in environment but in the will to climb. God always honors such a purpose. David was great not only because he was the son of Jesse and

a citizen of the Bethlehem country, but because of this controlling purpose that continually held him to the highest. A boy today may, in the face of difficulties as high as mountains, set his eye on the hills and purpose in his heart to build a beautiful building for God. . . . He may find it necessary, at the close of life, to pass on the torch to another to complete the building but he will be infinitely bigger and nobler because of the big purpose and the high resolve.

In the second place, the high aim will help others about us. We are not only made bigger and nobler but some of those about us, catching the spirit, will set their aim high and build a glorious temple, more beautiful than we could have built. Let us look away this morning to the old city of Jerusalem to watch a scene in the palace grounds. The king is walking with his little two-year-old son near the palace gate. The chubby little fist is in the big hand and his bright eyes are watching his big daddy. Suddenly he speaks: "Daddy, why are you always looking toward that hill over there? Your eyes are always on the hill." The fond father replies: "Son, I am thinking of a beautiful temple for God that I am going to build. That is why I always keep my eyes on the hill." The boy does not say much but even at that youthful age an impression is made on his young mind. . . . When the old king dies, the faded, tear-stained blueprints are carefully gathered up and the young king, now grown to man's estate, goes out to the hill to build a more glorious building than his father could have built. David did not build, but his eyes, set on the hill, prepared the boy Solomon for the work of his life. . . .

The dream of that parent may become the deed of the child. The dream of the teacher may become the deed of the child taught. This should cheer the heart of a mother or father or teacher who has tried hard to reach the high ideal set in early life. It may be that you purposed in your heart to do great things for God. Perhaps you did your best to climb to the heights in fulfillment of your fondest dream but difficulties, handicaps, disappointments and troubles have come in to hinder you so that you now face the end of life with the sad realization that you will never reach the heights. . . . Somewhere a little mother sits facing the end of her days with such questions as these in her heart and mind. She promised God that she would give her life in active Christian service. She was anxious to give her life in glorious mission work among her neighbors and friends and the unfortunate youngsters of the community. But many things have happened to blight such dreams. The cares and worries of a home with invalids demanding help have kept her bowed under constant toil and sacrifice. Now that she nears the end her heart is crushed with the thought that she has failed. Has she failed? God's word to David was: "Solomon thy son shall build." In that home sons and grandsons and daughters will achieve. . . . The trophies they win among the peoples of the earth will be her trophies because she dreamed and purposed and planned. May God help that sweet little mother to see and understand this sublime truth.

In the third place, we can be

cheered by the realization that God takes the will for the deed. . . . When we have finished this life we may rest assured that we are to be judged by One who can see and understand all the purposes, the aims, the yearnings of the soul. He measures success, not by the heights reached or by the ground gained, but by the purpose of heart and the faithfulness with which we have given our best to reach the worthy goal. . . .

A young high school lad came to his coach declaring that he was quitting football. He claimed that one of his teammates was making all the touchdowns and getting all the publicity and acclaim. The coach heard him to the end of his long complaint and then said: "Jim, I know all about it. You haven't made any touchdowns while Bob continues to make one after another. When you get the ball you cannot get through the opposing team. It looks bad. I happen to know, though, that you are the only boy on the squad who can open a hole big enough for Bob to make his spectacular runs. You are the only real blocker I have. I need you and I want you to go back in there to become the best blocking back in all the game." The boy, reaching for his discarded headgear, said, "You can count on me. I'll be the best blocking back in the land." Perhaps a father, a mother, a sister or a brother who listens in today has spent many miserable hours as a blocking half-back in this old world where the maker of touchdowns is the hero. Will it help to know that the divine Judge knows every extenuating circumstance and understands every handicap and every burden? He will be the one who passes judgment in the final hour.

Dr. Truett tells the story of a little girl who planned to be a missionary. From her early school days she told of her plans to gather Chinese children about her and teach them the story of a Saviour's love. All through high school and college she continued to purpose and dream and make ready for a glorious life of missionary activity among the millions of China. Just before she was to leave America the news came of the death of her only sister in the mountains near Asheville. Five motherless babies were in desperate need. How should she meet such a call of duty? After a terrific struggle she put her things away and made the journey into the hills to that lonely little mountain cabin to bury her life in the care of five little mountain youngsters who called her "mother." She has never seen China. No Chinese child has ever heard her voice. Has her life been a failure? Have her noble purposes all gone for naught? The thrilling announcement comes that three of the five children who have been mothered by this little woman are now serving as missionaries among the Chinese. . . .

(Excerpts from Mutual Radio Chapel address.)

D. W. Nix, pastor, Juniper Grove church, Pearl River county, is to be with Pastor D. W. Moulder at White Oak church in Smith county in a revival meeting beginning the third Sunday in July.

Some enjoy religion; others just endure it.

Some self-made men show poor architectural skill.

NEWS and VIEWS

By D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary-Treasurer
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Evangelism — State, Home, and Foreign Missions — Cooperative Program — Now Club (State Debts) — 100,000 Club (S. B. C. Debts) — Baptist Record — B. T. U. — Sunday School — W. M. U. — Brotherhood — B. S. U. — Retirement Plan — Seminaries — Christian Education — Hospitals — Orphanage — Pastoral Aid — Church Building Aid — Chinese Work — Negro Work — Indian Work — Literature — Enlistment Pastors — Service Men's Department — Historical Society — Wills and Bequests Activities — W. M. U. Training School — Bookkeeping.

I
"And the people believed." Exodus 4:29-31. Aaron delivered God's message, "and the people believed." A revival was thus experienced in North Africa because "the people believed."

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS have heard John 3, Romans 10, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, Malachi 3, and Mississippi Baptists BELIEVE the word of God so they participate in and support the work of God.

Here is the comparative record:

	Cooperative Program	Miscellaneous	Now Club & 5M Club	Totals
1943 - June 30 -	\$26,034.75	\$19,191.73	\$11,171.02	\$56,397.50
1942 - June 30 -	15,378.46	11,408.14	7,754.70	34,541.30
JUNE GAIN	\$10,656.29	\$ 7,783.59	\$ 3,416.32	\$21,856.20

II
Mississippi Baptists are missing the "chance of a life time" in not rendering a larger service to the hundreds of men in the service of our country who linger in our midst.

We should have a large fund in support of this service.

This is just another instance of where debt has bound our wings. The fine son of a fine minister says, "I get the most help from denominational contacts."

The Salvation Army came out of the other war with a great reputation and popularity from helping the boys.

Another year, in making up our State Mission budget, we should GREATLY INCREASE the sum of \$7,000 for this purpose.

Make it true, "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

III
The North Carolina Christian Advocate, in answer to the question, "Why this panic?" says: "Our forefathers existed without sugar until the thirteenth century; coal fires were unknown until the fourteenth; buttered bread came along in the fifteenth; they did without potatoes or tobacco until the sixteenth; coffee, tea or soap, until the seventeenth; puddings until the eighteenth; gas and electricity until the nineteenth; canned food until the twentieth. If our sturdy forebears who blazed the way for our luxuries of life managed in many instances, to get along without even the bare necessities, surely we can deny ourselves the non-essentials so as to contribute to the defense of our beloved democracy."

IV. HOW TO KILL YOUR PASTOR

The following rules, if carefully followed, will kill any preacher on earth. Kill his influence, kill his ambition, kill him mentally, morally, spiritually and physically:

"1. Stay away from church, especially on bad days, when you know only a handful will be present anyway.

"2. Stay away from the Wednesday evening prayer service because there never is a large group present.

"3. When the sermon is over, leave the church in a hurry without speaking a word of encouragement to the pastor.

"4. When you get sick, DON'T LET HIM KNOW ABOUT IT, and then criticize him for not coming to see you.

"5. Never invite him or his family out to dinner in your home. They never enjoy a social hour.

"6. Pay just as little as you can to the church and then always grumble about the church wanting money. That makes the pastor feel good.

"7. Never give up your allegiance to your former pastor. Constantly quote him in all things and keep him in contact with everything that is going on and ask his decision in the matters of the church. After all, you really are co-operating with your present pastor (if your former pastor advises it).

"8. Never give your pastor anything except what you promised. This might make him think you appreciate him.

"9. Always have some 'fool excuse' when he wants you to do something in the church. That is what you pay him for.

"10. Never call at the pastor's home, but raise old 'Billy Cane' if he doesn't visit you once or twice a week.

"11. Don't ever offer to help in any way, for he might think you are 'butting in.'

"12. Act as cold and indifferent toward him as you can, and he will think you are dignified.

"13. Never bestow any kindness upon him or his wife on their birthdays, wedding anniversary, pastoral anniversary, Christmas, etc. Just forget them entirely, for they might think you love them. These little remembrances would be too kind.

"If these thirteen fail to kill him, they will undoubtedly break him from

preaching and whip his spirit until he is forced to give up.

"ARE YOU KILLING YOUR PASTOR?"

—Broadway Baptist Church Times.

V

The field of Evangelism has gained again as Rev. W. A. (Slick) Green, Waynesboro, entered the field as of July 1.

Brother Green is one of the best preachers in Mississippi with multitudes of friends. We are sure the pastors and churches will make large use of him.

VI

"A HELP IN TROUBLE"

Men have always had trouble, but "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Regardless of the nature of the trouble, "God is a very present help" in it. Abraham had land trouble (Genesis 13:1-18).

Jacob had business trouble (Genesis 31:36-42).

Joseph had rationing trouble (Genesis 41:46-57).

Moses had inferiority-complex trouble (Exodus 4:10-16).

Samson had romantic trouble (Judges 16:4-31).

David had "in-law" trouble (I Samuel 18:12-23).

Jehoshaphat had military trouble (2 Chronicles 18: 1:31).

Job had Satanic trouble (Job 1:6-22).

Jonah had "under-sea" trouble (Jonah 2:1-10).

Ezekiel and Isaiah spoke of tire and shoe trouble (Ezekiel 24:23, Isaiah 3:18).

But the Lord delivered them out of them all (Psalm 34:17).

"When trouble like a gloomy cloud
Has gathered thick and thundered loud,
He near my soul has ever stood,
His loving kindness, O how good!"

—Baptist Standard.

VII

Some people feel they are not wanted at church. At times we may be to blame. A section foreman living in a little section house, looking at a nice church house said, "I am not going to that church where I am not wanted."

Maybe they know we do not look upon them with compassion as did Jesus. Matt. 9:35-38.

VIII

A woman came to the preacher, yelling at the top of her voice, "It is all over now—all over now." "What is the matter?" "I prayed it through, was baptized, joined the church. It is all over now." "Hush, woman, it has only begun."

He was right. The walk with Jesus, and, the work with Jesus has just started!

IX

Are you a Christian?

A boy asked his father, "What is a Christian?" The father described a Christian in New Testament terms. The boy then asked, "Have I ever seen one?"

A man at the door asked the lady of the house, "Do you know the Lord?" She shut the door in some confusion. She told her husband of the incident. He said, "Why didn't you tell him you were president of the W. M. S., and an officer in the Sunday school?" She replied, "He didn't ask me that. He asked me if I knew the Lord."

X

"If radio's slim fingers can pluck
A melody from the night
And toss it over continent or sea;
If the petal white notes of a violin
Can be blown across a mountain, or city's din;
If songs, like crimson roses, are culled
From the thin blue air,
Why should mortals wonder that
GOD HEARS PRAYER?"

XI

—Now.

A boy was grabbing potatoes. His father sent him back three times, saying, "Go back, more potatoes are there." He went and found more potatoes. The hogs were then turned in and they got more than he had gotten, and he thought he had them all.

Let us be careful on our fields and in our Mississippi, lest we turn the "hogs" on our resources when our children and neighbors haven't enough. Let us not cast pearls before swine!

XII

The Leake county monthly meeting at Sunrise church was largely attended. Pastor J. L. Moore served as moderator. The work in this county has enlarged greatly—pastors and people have had a part.

Two services at Columbia witnessed real congregations. Dr. Horton, pastor, has led in a fine way—the people have followed. We enjoyed good fellowship in the home of Hon. Toxey Hall.

Lingering in a few services at Bay St. Louis, we found Pastor Allen happy in his work with some fine folks. The weather was "hot" but the people came.

Biloxi, First, had a big day of dedication. Pastor and Mrs. Hodge have led in a notable work. The people have proved real followers and helpers. Several pastors were present. With the building debt paid the church plans advance along all lines, including a larger percentage for Evangelism, Missions, etc. Miss Pickering continues her excellent service in the soldier work.

We lose another good pastor to the chaplaincy in the person of Pastor E. S. Flynt.

XIII

General plans are complete for the 1944 Statewide, Wintertime Evangelism (Continued on Page Seven)

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JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT IS ENCOURAGING

On page three will be found the financial report for June. And to call it glorious is putting it mildly.

In cold figures it tells us that during the month of June 1943 Mississippi Baptists expressed their love for God and His enterprises by contributing for other than local causes \$21,856.00 more than they contributed during June 1942.

Total receipts at the Convention Board office during June 1943 were \$56,397.50. For June 1942 they were \$34,541.30.

We remind our readers that this gain was not confined to one object. All objects registered a gain. Itemized, the gains were: Cooperative Program, \$10,656.29; designated, \$7,783.59; Now Club and 5M Club, \$3,416.32.

Such evidences of love and loyalty should and will bring joy to the hearts of Mississippi Baptists.

Perhaps, (we hope not) there are some who had little or no share in making June 1943 such a glorious month. If so, it is not too late. July is now upon us. Let everyone who can, do better than he ever did before.

To those few who did nothing, why not have a share in what Mississippi Baptists are doing all over the world?

SELECTED EDITORIAL CONTAINS GOOD ADVICE

Our Selected Editorial for this week is one that should be read by every one who has an opportunity. While it deals with a sordid subject, it is useless for us to imitate an ostrich by sticking our heads in the ground and saying that parents have no responsibility. We do have a responsibility.

In spite of our best efforts as parents our children will sometimes do the wrong thing and go to the wrong places. Some grass grows in our garden despite hoeing, but we notice that

it is tougher and larger where little or no hoeing is done. Likewise, our young people are less likely to get into trouble if parents realize and exercise their responsibility.

And, our churches should redouble their efforts in behalf of our boys in the armed service. Every boy they reach is just one more who is shielded from the dangers of the day.

Read our Selected Editorial in another column by Col. T. M. Hederman. It says what we had planned to say and says it in a much better way.

—BR—

SINISTER ROMAN CATHOLIC ACTIVITY

(At the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press, early in May, a resolution was passed authorizing the appointment of a committee to draft an editorial on Roman Catholic pressure activities. The resolution also authorized the sending of the editorial to all (some 250) journals on the official list of the ACP for simultaneous release. It appears herewith.)

In its recent annual meeting in Toledo, Ohio, the Catholic Press Association, corresponding to the Associated Church Press of Protestant journalism in the United States and Canada, registered strong protests against attacks by "certain" religious and secular magazines in this country on the Roman Catholic Church. It declared that there seemed to be "a systematic and sustained attack upon the Catholic church" by these journals, adding that the Catholic press "will continue to do all in its power to promote unity of feeling and of effort among the people of this country. In all fairness we demand that all organs of opinion, secular and religious, should respect the sincerity of our efforts to assist the government and the nation in the present emergency." It expressed its "abhorrence of attacks upon religion and the church." The editors promised whole-hearted support to the maintenance of American-Spanish friendship and to the creation of a better understanding and a greater feeling of cooperation between the Latin-American countries and the United States.

It is interesting to note that nothing was said by those editors about Roman Catholic pressure groups which have been so active and successful these many years in banning from the newspapers and the radio of the United States statements both of fact and of opinion adversely critical of the political activities of the Roman communion. They did not mention the late war in Spain, during which the Roman Catholic Church carried on propaganda throughout the United States against the legally

constituted democratic Spanish government—propaganda in which gross misstatements were made and consistently broadcast by such official representatives of the hierarchy as Father Joseph Thorning, falsely asserting that the Republican government of Spain was "communist," and that thousands of churches had been burned by the Loyalists and thousands of Roman priests slaughtered. The Roman Catholic editors at Toledo made no explanation of the fact that editors of Protestant religious journals who denied these propaganda statements and told the truth about the Loyalists—including the fact that the Franco rebellion was engineered and backed by Hitler and Mussolini—were labeled by Catholics, including Catholic editors, as "communists" and "semi-communists."

But those at the Catholic meeting promised strong editorial support to the maintenance of Spanish-American friendship—that is, friendship between America and Franco's Spain, which beat the legal liberal government of Spain into tragic final defeat at Madrid.

Everyone who knows the facts admits now that our own government's failure to lift the embargo against Spain was due to political fear of the Roman Catholic Church, and to the personal intervention of the then Cardinal Pacelli, who came to the United States for the express purpose of convincing the President that an embargo should be imposed upon Spain—this embargo which then finally led to the destruction of the Republic of Spain. It was a clear case where a politically led religious minority terrorized the American majority into the adoption of a foreign policy that was detrimental to the best interests of the United States.

The facts which Protestant journals and others presented during the war in Spain have long since been proved correct and the Catholic editors wrong.

It is significant, also, that the journalists gathered in Toledo promised to promote better understanding and cooperation between the United States and Latin-American countries—but neglected to mention the fact that in every Latin-American country the Falange, Franco's propaganda front, has been strongly supported by Roman Catholics.

Thousands of letters from Roman Catholics poured into newspaper offices and radio stations during the period of the war in Spain, threatening a reader boycott of these mediums of communication—and many times an advertising boycott—if facts and opinions adverse to the Fascist regime in Spain and in the Catholic church continued to be printed. These pressure groups have continued their threats—with success which should

be alarming—to the present moment. They have been successful because neither newspapers nor radio stations can afford the overwhelming cost involved in loss of the advertising by which they live—and because the voice of Protestantism is silent.

The pressure of the Roman church is so strong today that broadcasters are unable even to comment on the appeasement efforts and international diplomatic negotiations which are now going on in Rome. These efforts are so successful that broadcasters find themselves censored when they point out that it is incongruous for the Vatican to ask now that the bombing of cities be stopped when there were no similar requests while Amsterdam, Warsaw, Coventry, and Belgrade were blitzed. These Roman Catholic pressures are so strong that it has been impossible for any broadcaster to mention the fact that the Holy See established diplomatic relations with Japan within ten days after Pearl Harbor, although the radio is flooded with sinister speculations as to why Russia has diplomatic relations with Japan—this notwithstanding the fact that the Russians cannot afford to open a second front before the Allies open a second front. This is particularly important in view of the fact that practically the only organized body of opinion which continues publicly to oppose better American-Soviet relations is the political leadership of the Roman church.

A few years ago one of America's most powerful weeklies printed a selection of pictures in a social welfare field not approved by the Roman Catholic Church. Thousands of letters, threatening a reader boycott if the offense was repeated, disturbed those responsible for the journal to the point where staff members discussed the problem for hours. Later, a letter from one of the most powerful representatives of the hierarchy added the threat of an advertisers' boycott. Similar instances can be extensively multiplied.

When Protestant journals or individuals take issue with such pressure procedures, Catholics immediately raise the cry of "intolerance" and "making for disunity." It is a strong weapon against Protestants, as Catholics well know. Catholic critics assert that Protestants are attacking their "religion," when they know that the attack is merely against such Catholic practices as those here under discussion. If Protestants continue to give way under such false charges, they deserve to lose their long-established rights of freedom of speech and action. In the meantime, America is paying a heavy penalty for their failure to exercise those rights. Protestant editors are eager to promote good will and religious tolerance, but will be unable successfully

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SINISTER ROMAN CATHOLIC ACTIVITY

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to combat such emotional movements as the A. P. A. and the Ku Klux Klan if the Roman Catholic pressure program continues.

Public opinion can be effective against Roman Catholic pressures. One of the many possible illustrations is found in the experience of the Lutheran church. In 1928 a motion picture called "Freedom," portraying the history of the Reformation, was brought to this country. The New York State Board of Censorship demanded the elimination of subtitles and scenes which presented the story of Reformation "protest" against Roman Catholic practices of the day, such as the sale of indulgences, heresy, the Roman court of inquisition, papal doctrines, and so on. The board wrote: "The reasons for the above eliminations are: 'sacrilegious,' 'tend to incite to crime,' and 'inhuman.'" The deletions would have cut the historic heart out of the film. The Lutherans put on a nation-wide campaign which resulted in the sending out of more than 40,000 letters to the censorship board. This brought the withdrawal of the original demands for deletions and the release of the film.

The historic essence of Protestantism has been its fighting determination to reveal the truth. Let us exercise that determination today.

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Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

STILL A PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY TO KNOW ABOUT DAUGHTER'S "DATES"

(Editor's Note: We hope every reader of the Record will read this worthwhile editorial from the Clarion-Ledger.)

We call to the attention of young women and girls of Jackson and other Mississippi communities, and their parents, two unpleasant news stories.

A soldier from the Jackson Air Base, who has been held by military authorities in connection with criminal assault on an 18-year-old Jackson girl, was turned over to civil authorities Monday for examination and prosecution. He was arraigned yesterday in city court.

A soldier from Texas, convicted by a military court of attacking a woman near a California Army base, was sentenced to life in prison.

Very few American soldiers, at home or abroad, have been charged with such crimes and prosecution by military or civil courts has been prompt in each case. Our purpose in calling attention to these two cases is not to give men in uniform a bad name. We have too much respect for them for that. Neither we nor the average Mississippi citizen would be

foolish and unfair enough to judge the hundreds of thousands by the crimes of a very few.

The average soldier of our armies, the average man in uniform in our cities, must be very close to being the average American of his age group, in morals, manners and habits. He isn't much different in these respects from the average Jackson man of his age.

The men from other states who are training in Mississippi or who are stationed at Mississippi camps and bases are essentially much like the men from Mississippi who are serving or training in other states. The Army draws its millions from all classes.

The average soldier, away from home, working hard, living most of his hours under strict military discipline, has a natural and normal desire for the companionship of girls or women in his few free hours. He knows loneliness. And this average soldier can be depended upon to treat with consideration and respect any girl or woman who goes out with him and acts in such a manner as to make it clear that she expects to be treated thus.

That is true of the average soldier. It isn't true of the exceptions to the average. We believe these exceptions are proportionately fewer among soldiers than among civilians of the same age groups. But the millions in the army inevitably include thousands of such exceptions, thousands who cannot be trusted alone with decent women.

We note these two crimes and emphasize these facts as a warning and reminder to Mississippi girls and parents that abolition or suspension of the ordinary safeguards society and custom place about women, with regard to meeting and going out with men, is both dangerous and unnecessary even in war time

It is possible for soldiers to meet girls under conditions giving girls all necessary protection and for such soldiers and girls thereafter to "date" and go out together as other young people do. But for any girl to "pick up" a soldier, to make casual acquaintances and to go out with them without knowing anything about them, is foolish and dangerous. Parents are foolish to permit it.

It remains a parental responsibility to know with whom a daughter is going, how and where she met him, and something about him. Wise parents won't abandon this responsibility even in war time. And sensible and decent soldiers welcome rather than resent such parental inquiry and caution and think all the more of the girl because of it.—Clarion-Ledger.

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Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR
By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR GOD

To the true Christian spirit it is a mere truism to say that God exists and has existed, and from the foundation of the earth He has ruled and reigned over its revolutions and over its people of the succeeding ages. God is real and powerful to His spiritual creation, but to those luke warm members in our churches who are in the habit of thinking in terms of

worldly powers, instead of God's power, this is not true. It has become an urgent necessity that the church as a whole, unite in a knowledge that God is the eternal power behind the universe, and that it is His wonderful knowledge and grace that causes the world and all there is in it to even exist. "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there anything too hard for me?" Jer. 32:27. What power but God could so glorify the nocturnal heavens with so many stars, or grace the day with such brilliance? What power but God could cause such tremendous spheres to whirl through space with such exact precision that not one of them ever varies from its orbit? What power but God's could create and perpetuate the human race? Although men have done great wonders in science and invention, there are many things impossible to them. "Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things."—Ps. 72:18.

It is but time that the self-evident fact be accepted as truth among our church people, that there is nothing too hard for the Lord God. Through the succeeding years nations have risen to rule the world and those same nations have fallen to the lowest depths. They have come and gone like the mists of the morning. God has been the divine power in all this. Today nations are showing forth their strength and power, but tomorrow they may be as a cloud on a summer's day, vanished almost imperceptibly, or as withered grass before a devastating fire, consumed in the anger of God's eternal plan. It is time that all the Mississippi Baptists, even all American Christians, awake to the fact that God still exists as an all-powerful being, in whose hands the destiny of the world is. We must soon realize, ere it is too late, that "Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did He in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places." Ps. 135:6.

God's power has never changed!! His blessed will is ever the same! He has said the nation that forgets God shall perish from the face of the earth. "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34. "Behold I am the Lord, the God of ALL flesh; is there anything too hard for me?" Jer. 32:27.

We are too prone in this land of freedom to take things for granted and to rely upon our vast store of resources, which is possible to some day be exhausted; upon an army which is still in the making; upon guns and ships and airplanes and tanks; in the power of our government and power of men, for our shield and strength. We are prone to forget that there is yet a higher power which by one small sweep of His will could brush aside all the puny preparations of all the nations on the earth. "O, Israel, trust thou in the Lord: He is your help and your shield." Ps. 115:9. A necessity in this hour of uncertainty is for our people to realize that along with the preparations of man they must pray and trust in God for strength. The former is of no avail whatever without the latter. God's people, ALL of them together, on their knees, praying incessantly to Him who is all power, can do more to bring about a successful conclusion of this cruel,

HEADLINE SERMONETTE

By Dr. William Potter

McLain Baptist Church, McLain, Miss.

One of the classics of the present world war is found in the now-famous statement, "TOO LITTLE . . . TOO LATE," and therein lies a subtle challenge to the most devout and consecrated believer in Christ Jesus.

In the light of what Jesus Christ has done for us humans when He "was wounded for our transgressions; and with His stripes we are healed," whatever we might do to advance the cause of His Kingdom will be comparatively infinitesimal and without comparison. All of us, no matter how great our efforts might be, will have done TOO LITTLE.

For instance, consider our PRAYER LIFE. True, there are those of these earthly, God-fearing saints, like George Muller, Moody, Spurgeon and countless others, who count it their Christian duty to spend much time in communion with God through prayer. However, the legion of church members who just pray is far too great and I am exceedingly fearful that most of us pray TOO LITTLE and we shall suddenly find on the judgment day that it has been TOO LATE.

There are those among us who have an almost unlimited burden upon their hearts for witnessing to the unsaved, but, unfortunately herein is a category in which the vast majority do TOO LITTLE and if that unsaved man to whom you had the opportunity to tell of Jesus, should die and go to hell, then it will have been TOO LATE for him and like Peter of old, we shall have again denied our Master's name.

Finally, and definitely temporal, thousands of churches across this nation are today closed because those who constituted the membership gave TOO LITTLE of their financial substance and now it has become TOO LATE. May the light of God's truth search the heart of every professing Christian who has not yet learned the blessings that are ours as we obey the law of the tithe. When this day comes about it will never again be said wherein we failed because of "TOO LITTLE . . . TOO LATE."

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inhuman war than all the other efforts, without God, that are put forth in all the world. Until all of God's people realize this and do their duty, we are going to be held in the clutches of this terrible conflict. My sincere idea is that Hitler nor his allies in Asia is the cause of us being in this struggle. It is because God's people have forsaken the ways of righteousness. Hitler is only the tool of Satan, used to bring God's people back to Him. Christian people can, and ultimately will, call upon God who has power to do all things. They can prevail! They will triumph! But only as they pray, work, and evangelize as a unit. God will respect and honor unity among those who have named the name of Christ, His only begotten Son.—Ray Truitt.

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"Be wise—don't alcoholize!"

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Y. W. A. Camp at Ridgecrest

The following girls from Mississippi attended the southwide Y. W. A. camp at Ridgecrest. The delegation was led by the State Young People's secretary.

Eleanor Green and Ella Frances Fulcher—Louisville.

Juanita Avant, Willa Dean Featherston and Katherine Huggins—Oxford.

Kay Dilworth and Sarah Mikell—Jackson, Baptist Hospital.

Frances Tilgham—Meridian, First church.

Sadie Ruth McCollum and Jean Brown—Meridian, Highland church.

Emmy Lou Drummond and Oten Buntyn—Morton.

Juanita McConneal—Ellisville.

Louise O'Quinn—Jackson, First church.

Virginia Malone—Lucedale.

Gloria Wren and Joan Day—Liberty.

Jo Ellen Burk and Becky Boyd—Laurel, First church.

Mrs. Clyde Thompson—Grenada.

Mary Lucille Ware and Laverne Gallagher—Leland.

Pauline Harrison and Evelyn George—Jackson, Northside.

Mrs. Joe Cruse, Eudora McKewen and Mildred Nabors—Corinth, Tate Street.

We found on the front of our program this statement: "Y. W. A's come to this twentieth annual camp in a time of surpassing sorrow and plunging grief. We have no right to the peaceful comforts and joys of eight days here in the mountains unless they tune us to higher sensitivities and deeper understanding of God's call to us to be ready to build a world that shall be wondrously better for all mankind because built on undergirding loyalty to Him."

We were deeply conscious of this all during camp.

The daily schedule was:

- 7:00—Wake up! Here's a new day!
- 7:30—My Proof of His Power—Meditations Led by Our Missionaries.
- 8:00—Breakfast.
- 8:50—Undergirding Lessons Out of Prison Experiences—Dr. M. Theron Rankin.
- 10:00—Better Ways for Y. W. A's—Conferences Led by State W. M. U. Young People's Secretaries.
- 11:00—Y. W. A. Camp Council Meeting.
- 11:25—State Delegation Meetings.
- 11:50—Problems and Progress in Building for Christ—Class Discussions.
- 1:00—Dinner.
- 2:00—As You Like It—Time for directed recreation—Hobby Hours, Studying, Handcraft, Missionary Movies, Town Meetings, Browsing in Book Store and Exhibition Room.
- Discipline in Devotion and Drill in Life Dedication.
- 6:00—Supper.
- 6:45—Linking Our Loyalties with

Eternal Causes—Vespers by Lake Dew.

7:45—Building on Undergirding Loyalties—Auditorium—Guest Speakers.

10:00—"Thy Praise Shall Hallow Our Rest."

Evening Prayers—State Delegations or Neighborly Groups.

10:45—Goodnight.

The class discussions were led by: Problems Peculiarly Southern—Dr. Howard Kester.

Down Under in Brazil—Mrs. Kate Cox White.

China and You—Mrs. Hundley Wiley.

Uncommon Mathematics—Dr. J. E. Dillard.

Palestine Awaits—Miss Kate Ellen Gruver.

Japanese at Home and Abroad—Mrs. G. W. Bouldin.

Red-Skinned Americans—Miss Thelma Brown.

Romantic Missions—Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence.

Practical "Four Freedoms"—Miss Mary Christian.

African Drums—Mrs. M. E. Brantley.

This list of speakers and guests will give an idea of the outstanding days together:

Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, president of Woman's Missionary Union.

Mr. J. N. Barnett, acting manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Miss Emma Binns, director of music.

Mrs. G. W. Boulding, missionary to Japan.

Mrs. M. E. Brantley, missionary to Africa.

Miss Margaret Brooks, handcraft.

Miss Thelma Brown, book consultant, Sunday School Board.

Mr. Joe E. Burton, Home Mission Board.

Miss Mary Christian, Southwide W. M. U. representative.

Miss Mary Nance Daniel, assistant secretary, Baptist Student Union.

Dr. James E. Dillard, director of promotion, S. B. C.

Miss Ercele Gibson, Home Mission Board exhibit.

Miss Kate Ellen Gruver, missionary to Palestine.

Miss Ethalee Hamric, secretary to Miss Juliette Mather.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of Sunday School Board.

Dr. W. Earl Hotalen, secretary of Alabama Temperance Union.

Miss Alma Hunt, recreation.

Miss Mary Hunter, manager of literature and exhibits, Foreign Mission Board.

Miss Bette Ishibashi, Japanese-American.

Dr. Howard Kester, authority on Southern economic problems.

Mrs. Peter Kittles, camp counselor.

Miss Clarissa Lasseter, Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La.

Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, mission study chairman of W. M. U.

Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, principal W. M. U. Training School.

Dr. Liu Liang-mo, China's "Singing Patriot."

Miss Pauline McCardle, manager, Ridgecrest Bookstore.

Dr. Chas. E. Maddry, executive secretary of Foreign Mission Board.

Miss Kathleen Mallory, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union.

Miss Juliette Mather, W. M. U. Young People's secretary, camp director.

Mr. Perry Morgan, manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, secretary to the Orient.

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, president of Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. T. J. Watts, executive secretary of Relief and Annuity Board.

Mrs. Kate Cox White, missionary to Brazil.

State Young People's leaders.

Opening Service, Thursday Night

After general remarks and introduction by Miss Mather, Dr. Rushbrooke from London, England, and president of the Baptist World Alliance, was presented as the speaker of the evening. Dr. Rushbrooke walked to the stand, but before he could say a word, at a given signal, the audience stood and sang the British National Anthem, "God Save the King," followed by the first verse of "The Star Spangled Banner." At the bugle call of "God of Our Fathers," the American Flag was slowly brought from the back of the auditorium and placed on the left side of the platform. The bugle sounded again and by twos, girls dressed in white, brought the flags of all nations in the Baptist World Alliance. All girls went to the platform, filling in three rows across the platform. Then alone, from the rear of the auditorium, came a young lady carrying the Christian Flag, which was placed on the right of the platform. As the poem, "In Christ there is no East or West," was quoted, all small flags of the nations were draped over the foot-railing across the front of the platform. Such was the welcome given the speaker.

Dr. Rushbrooke told of the religious difficulties in England, because of war conditions. Though the churches have difficulties carrying on their regular services, the contributions to the financial program and missions far exceeds the contributions of some years past. Sacrifice is needed but the money is coming in and a program of missions is carried on through each church.

As to the battle of Britain, Dr. Rushbrooke said it was only by the mercy of God that England was not overcome—"God had provided deliverance."

In helping to shape a new world, Dr. Rushbrooke suggested:

- (1) Preach the Gospel.
- (2) Present Jesus—not just a part of His message.
- (3) Crown Him Lord of all—throughout the entire world. Our God is to be God of all nations.

On Friday night a question of tremendous importance and conse-

quence involving the discussion of alcohol was very impressively presented by Miss Vena Aguilard, Home Board missionary to French in Louisiana, who told of the missionary's viewpoint of this situation. Our speaker was Dr. W. Earl Hatalen, secretary of Alabama Temperance Union.

Miss Vena Aguilard, who was converted at the age of 18 knew what it meant to live in a home where Christ was not known. She said that the only way to close saloons would be to build more churches.

She requested our prayers for more missionaries to be sent to her people in order that they may learn about Christ. Miss Aguilard stated further than when the people became Christians they were such devout ones because they had been saved from so much.

Dr. Hatalen chose as his topic, "The Wicked Way of Alcohol." He presented amazing statistics comparing the amount of money spent for alcohol in comparison with that spent for education, Christianity, and war bonds. He painted a dark picture of the problem of alcohol that can be solved only through a Christian solution. The salvation of America from alcohol rests in the hands of our generation.

At the close of his talk, we made the following pledge:

"Because I love Jesus and want my life to count for Him and because I know that beverage alcohol is the foe of spiritual living and the destroyer of everything dear to the heart of my Lord, I promise God that I will not use beverage alcohol and that I will never sell, give, or serve it to others."

Saturday Night

The discussions were very informal—each missionary had been asked to tell, in conversational style, of the most unusual approach he or she had made in Christ's name.

An Unusual Experience in Winning a Soul for Christ—Mrs. Wiley, missionary to China.

In this talk Mrs. Wiley told of the love for gardens in China. Her approach was to a gardener—through his love of beauty.

Mrs. White, missionary to Brazil—

She told of her experiences one day when she went to a cathedral. In this cathedral they had small prayer chairs in which you kneel to pray. Mrs. White sat down in hers which was the wrong thing to do. But she just sat there while all of the women stared at her. In the meantime, the monk had come in and he was beginning to preach. In his sermon he was preaching how the Virgin Mary would save the people rather than God. Mrs. White jumped up out of her chair and said, "That's a lie." Everybody looked up at her in amazement at what she had said. Mrs. White asked them to come outside with her so she could tell them the truth. Five people went out with her and she has been able to win

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THE LAND OF WALLS

By T. W. Ayers
Retired Missionary
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In last week's article in The Christian Index I said that China was divided into China proper and Manchuria by the Great Wall.



DR. T. W. AYERS

most gigantic defensive construction in the world. No other nation has a wall comparable to it. It is fifteen hundred miles long, thirty-five feet high and twenty-one feet wide. It extends from Shanhaikuan, on the coast, to the border of Turkestan, fifteen hundred miles to the west. It is built of stone, and was built under the direction of Emperor Shih Huang Ti. Work was commenced on it two hundred years before the birth of Christ. It was not built, as many think, to keep people from other parts of the world out of China, but for protecting China from the hordes of bandits and robbers who were constantly coming down from the north country into China.

I never looked at the Great Wall without being reminded that all the time Jesus was here among men this great wall was standing in North China; and as it has lasted for two thousand years, it will probably be standing when Jesus comes again.

Land of Walls

It has often been said that China is a Land of Graves, but it can as well be said that China is a Land of Walls; for every city and home has a wall around. Some of the wealthy cities have two large walls. In the city of Hwanghsien, Shangtung, where I lived for twenty-five years, there are two city walls, each about thirty feet high and fifteen feet wide. These walls are built of stone, and are

about one mile apart, and the space between them is literally covered with houses, as is the city inside the inner wall. Each of the walls has four gates, corresponding to the four points of the compass. Each of the gates has a thick iron door. These gates, in times of peace, are kept open during the day, but are closed at night, and no one can enter or come out after they are closed without a card of permission signed by the mandarin, to be presented to the gate keeper. I have some vivid recollections of waiting for the permission of the mandarin to get out of the city of Hwanghsien after the gates were closed.

There is a stairway on the inside of all city walls where people can go up on the wall, where a wonderful view is to be had of the city and nearby villages. From the top of many of these walls in North China can be counted hundreds of villages.

Some of the city walls are even older than the Great Wall. One of the old cities in North China is Tung Chow, and I have gone several times up on top of the wall around this old city, and never did I fail to remember that in this city was the first man and the first woman north of Shanghai brought to Christ by a Southern Baptist missionary. Yes, it was here that J. B. Hartwell, with his bride, whom he found in Macon, Georgia, baptized the first man and woman among these two hundred million people. He also organized the first church north of Shanghai. It is indeed an honor to Southern Baptists that all the great Christian work in North China was built on a foundation laid by Southern Baptists.

Another Division

Since the invasion of China by the Japanese, China is spoken of as Occupied China and Free China.

Only about one-third of the territory of China is in the hands of the Japanese; but this one-third includes all the coast cities, and many of the large cities in the interior.

Of the small number of Chinese who remain in these occupied areas

MAIL RESTRICTION ON OVERSEAS PACKAGES REMOVED BY ORDER

(From Public Relations Office)

Washington—It no longer will be necessary for a soldier serving overseas to obtain the approval of his commanding officer in order to receive a package from home, the War Department has announced.

A modification of the overseas mail restrictions on parcel post was made by the Army Postal Service which will permit the mailing of packages to soldiers overseas providing that a request is received from the soldier and that the envelope bearing the APO cancellation mark is presented at the time of mailing.

This modification of the overseas parcel post regulation will become effective as soon as the Post Office Department can notify postmasters throughout the country of this change. It will not be possible to mail packages under this modified order until local post offices have received official instructions from the Post Office Department, which will be within the next week or ten days.

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New York—Gasoline and tire rationing have had little, if any, adverse effect on church attendance throughout the nation, according to church officials here. The only section to report a perceptible decline is the immediate eastern seaboard area. The drop in this section, it is pointed out, is slight—except in a few instances where driving is the only means of transportation and where the distance to church makes driving prohibitive. Church officials frankly admit, however, that in many areas, especially in the northeast, attendance at church benefits, mid-week services, and Sunday schools, has fallen off considerably. One church leader told Religious News Service that the sharp drop in students attending Sunday school was a major "off-the-program" discussion topic at the recent general assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern).

Coffeeville: We moved to Coffeeville June 15 as pastor of the Baptist church and found the work to have been in very capable hands. The church folks hold very dear the sacred memory of their former pastor, the late Rev. R. L. Breeland. His work was very thorough and constructive and it still reflects itself in the lives of all those who knew him. Rev. N. B. Saucier also did a fine job as pastor during the brief period he was here, but he has been chaplain with the armed forces of the United States for quite a long time. His wife and two children still live here and are of inestimable value to the cause of Christ and the church of the living God. Rev. Louie J. Crumby was pastor here for quite a while and all the folk love and esteem him very highly. The church received a member on profession Sunday, June 27, who was near 73 years old.—A. H. Childress.

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we find a people who are yet loyal to their government, and, in the near future, under the leadership of Chiang Kai-Shek, may play an important part in helping the Allies gain a victory over the Japanese.

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Today the Bible, which underlies all Christian civilization, is ignored in many schools and rigidly excluded in others. Nevertheless, the Bible, in addition to its tremendous value as literature, contains information and instruction in human relationships; contains eternal truth to satisfy man's immortal soul; and is necessary for man's uplift, inspiration and guidance.

Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, professor of Bible at Blue Mountain College, the first teacher to occupy the Modena Lowrey Berry Professorship of Bible, tells of the privilege that is his in the following words:

"To teach anywhere is a privilege. To teach young women in a church-related college is distinctly so. But to teach courses in Bible and Christian history at Blue Mountain College is to have an exceptionally gratifying experience.

"Why is this true? The answer is manifold. First, it is heartening to see the influence of consecrated Christian parents as manifested in the ideals of the students who enroll at Blue Mountain College. Again, to girls from such homes the Bible is a vivid book. They want to know it and its uses. They are alert and responsive to its spirit and message. Again, the Bible continues to be as vital in the heart and life of the president of the college as it was in the hearts and lives of his revered grandfather, General M. P. Lowrey, and his beloved aunt, 'Mother' Berry. Again, the personal cooperation of the entire faculty and staff buttresses the chair of Bible to the eternal good of the students. Finally, it is a great privilege to conduct classes in the study of The Book where the primary desire of the college 'family' is to 'grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ' (II Peter 3:18).

As soon as the returns from the church offerings for Blue Mountain College that were taken in June are received and tabulated, an announcement of the results will be published. Too, an announcement of the plans for the next phase of the Blue Mountain College movement to complete the two hundred thousand dollars will be made soon.

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DURANT GAINS A YEAR

Durant, June 27—We will pay this year on our bonded indebtedness at least \$500 beyond schedule requirements, which, added to the \$250 extra paid last year, puts the church an entire year ahead on its debt liquidation. This morning in a few minutes before the sermon, \$490 was raised in cash and 60-day pledges, making a total of \$1,715 on hand with which to meet \$1,100 in September maturities. Other gifts expected in the fall may enable us to pay another year's total. Each year \$750, plus interest, must be paid. Every extra bond retired now will not only save interest but will increase the margin of safety against post-war uncertainties. Members who have been contributing regularly to bond retirement are urged to continue doing so, that as much as possible of the debt may be wiped out while money is circulating more freely than it likely will a few years hence.—B. Frank Smith, pastor.

NEWS AND VIEWS

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tie Crusade. Evangelist Hyman Appelman, Christian Jew, is to be with us in Mississippi January 23-April 16, inclusive. He will preach twice a day for two weeks in each location, services starting with a big mass meeting Sunday afternoon and the last service will be held Sunday morning.

A three-day Evangelistic Conference will be held in each location, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each first week. The local church, or churches, will provide overnight entertainment for attending pastors of that section of the state. Each individual will secure his own meals. One or two out-of-state featured speakers will be brought in to each conference and state pastors and laymen will complete the program.

The places and dates are as follows:

Laurel—January 23-February 6; McComb—February 6-20; Jackson—February 20-March 6; Columbus—March 5-19; New Albany—March 19-April 2; Clarksdale—April 2-16.

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Anyone desiring a good singer in September might write us, as we know of one available. We also have the name of an office secretary for church work, a person highly recommended.

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We give the following excerpt from the personal message of Mr. R. G. LeTourneau as found in his annual report:

"I love to hold machinery. I love to design it, but I am constantly aware of the fact that it takes skilled men to build this powerful machinery. It takes skilled men to assemble it properly. It takes skilled men to test it thoroughly, and operate it efficiently; and I would like to add that just as the machine needs a man to direct and control it, so man who is God's mechanical masterpiece needs God to direct and control him.

To this end, I am continuing to address nearby audiences two or three times during the week and also speak in churches somewhere in the U. S. or Canada every week-end. In this national crisis, we should point men to God for my Bible says: 'If God be with us, who can be against us?'

—LeTourneau.

SOLDIER'S LIFE ON GUADALCANAL DESCRIBED BY MISSISSIPPI ARMY CHAPLAIN

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soldier turn away from mail call empty-handed."

Describing life on the South Pacific island, Captain McKnight said: "Although it is monotonous now that the Japs have been driven out, everything possible is being done to relieve the monotony. Lots of work, with movies and athletics for recreation, are tremendous helps. The men want to fight. They want to get it over with and come home."

"Occasionally, especially on moonlit nights, Jap bombers will come over the island. The men immediately jump to their posts and into their foxholes. When the anti-aircraft fire gets close to the bombers, cheers rise from the foxholes. Voices urge the gunners on. When they score a hit, the noise is deafening."

"One night, I saw one of our night fighters bring down a Jap bomber off the shore. The cheers re-echoed back through the jungle. It was like a football game back home."

Chaplain McKnight said that the men crowd around the radios to get the latest news from home and to hear their favorite programs by short wave. "Sometimes they tune in the 'Zero Hour,' which is a broadcast by the Tokyo radio featuring recordings of well-known American dance orchestras as a come-on. In between the dance selections, an announcer, speaking in English of course, will relate the latest U. S. news, in reverse. The boys get a big kick out of it."

"The announcer will say, 'We know how you are suffering down there in your water-soaked foxholes. To cheer you up, we give you Tommy Dorsey.'"

Natives of the island are friendly and very religious, Captain McKnight reported. "They are most receptive to the work of the American chaplains."

As for the religious life of the American soldier, Chaplain McKnight stated that time and again men have come to him and said: "Chaplain, I've never realized what religion really means until now."

Chaplain McKnight told that, during the fighting on the island, nine chaplains were at the front continuously for twenty-eight days. At present, 114 separate religious services are scheduled each week.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, Chaplain McKnight was pastor of the Baptist church at Sanders, Carroll county, Kentucky, before entering the army on January 1, 1940. He was on duty in Hawaii at the time of the attack on Pearl Harbor. At present he is on duty at the Chaplain School at Harvard University.

—BR—

Once again a sister state comes over and grabs one of our good pastors. This time it is T. R. Coulter, who leaves Richton to become pastor at Valence Street church, New Orleans. He has had a very successful pastorate for seven years at Richton. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute. Under his leadership the work at Richton has made marvelous progress. He is a member of the State Convention Board and has been very cooperative with the state workers.

CALIFORNIA A CHALLENGING FIELD

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craft factories.

There is more money here than any place I've ever been, and brother, these Southern Baptists tithe! Take this church I am working in this week (May 15)—First Southern Baptist Church, West Los Angeles. They were organized last May, thirteen of them, rounded up by Brother A. F. Whitehurst of Oklahoma. In just one year they have 54 members, 60-70 in Sunday school, around 40 in BTU, a good W. M. S., and \$50-\$60 a week in offerings. They meet in a building that was formerly a Japanese school. The First Southern Baptist Church of Long Beach with only 23 members, organized last December, has 40-50 in Sunday school, 25-30 in BTU, and offerings of \$40-\$50 every week. On Easter Sunday they gave a special offering to state missions of \$35.22.

And missions! I have taught missions, heard of missions, and given to missions. I prayed that God would call me to Russia as a missionary after the war, but He put me right into the greatest mission field Southern Baptists have. Hundreds of thousands of Mexicans (as numerous as the colored folks in Mississippi), Chinese, Italians, Negroes, Filipinos, Russians, Armenians, Greeks, Hungarians—these are some of the nationalities I have contacted in visiting and taking census. And many, many natives who have never been taught the truth. So many are misled. There are hundreds of sects, cults and isms. So many lost ones! God help us! God send us preachers!

In the Carmelitos housing project for war workers in Long Beach there is a sign at the entrance which reads: "Drive slow! There are 1800 children in this project. Save a life! Don't take one!" 1800 children and not a church of any kind!

Recently, I went out to Lemon Grove for a special meeting with Brother John Williams, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of San Diego. Coming to the top of a long hill we saw before us one of the many beautiful views of Southern California, dotted with hundreds of small, white houses. It was beautiful until Brother Williams exclaimed: "Brother Farmer, you see before you no less than six square miles of houses, with 20,000 people, and not a church of any kind, shape, sort or description!" There is the challenge. There is where real MEN OF CHRIST are needed!

God give us preachers! Pastors, not afraid to suffer and sacrifice for Jesus! Men who are loyal and true to the Book—Southern Baptist doctrines! Messengers who will stand forth bravely and preach the gospel unafraid! Pauls who can stand the pricks! Johns who can take the jolts! Matthews who can turn their backs on money! Preachers who will be PIONEERS FOR CHRIST!

Philippians 1:20.

JOHN A. FARMER.

—BR—

Dr. B. D. Gray, executive secretary emeritus and native of Mississippi, celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday on June 18. He now resides in Atlanta, Ga.

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Have you made your gift to the Blue Mountain College Endowment fund?

BAPTISTS ARE NOT PROTESTANTS

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salvation, regardless of their religion or religious connection.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper ARE NOT sacraments. They are church ordinances to MEMORIALIZE the death, burial, and glorious resurrection of Jesus and cause us to remember that He shed His precious blood for our sins, that His body (flesh) was broken for us and with His stripes we are healed. These two ordinances of our Baptist churches do not save nor do they help to save any one, but we are to observe them after we are saved "in obedience to His command" and "in remembrance of Him." Catholic religion is not a church. The very word—catholic—means a universal religion and they (many of them) would love to compel the peoples of this world to accept their religion. Baptists want everybody to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour by their own free choice.

May our Baptist people wake up and learn the difference between Christianity and Catholicism. With all of my heart, I say, WAKE UP!

—BR—

GRANDPA SKILTON

By David E. Guyton

Blue Mountain, Miss., June 30—James Alvah Skilton, Blue Mountain, died at the home of his son, Frank E. Skilton, director of public relations of Blue Mountain College, early Tuesday morning, succumbing to old age. He would have been 87 July 6.

He was born in Calion, Ohio, the son of John Wilson Skilton and Eliza A. Hull Skilton.

He came to live with his son, Frank E. Skilton, in 1935, his wife, Mary Jane Wamboldt Skilton, having died in 1928 on Lincoln's birthday and buried on Valentine Day.

His fatal illness was the only confining illness he ever had. He was an outdoor man, having been contractor and builder until his retirement from active work about fifteen years ago. He was a builder of coal mines, coke ovens, railroads and manufacturing plants. In his youth he fired the locomotive of which his father was engineer on the Big Four R. R.

He is survived by two sons, Frank E. Skilton, Blue Mountain, and Louis W. Skilton, Chattanooga, Tenn.; a grandson, Daniel L. Skilton, in the armed services; a grand-daughter, Mrs. Robert L. Creal, Jr., Chattanooga, Tenn.; and a niece, Mrs. George P. Strebel, Newport, Ky.

Funeral services were held from Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, Wednesday afternoon, June 30, conducted by Rev. J. P. Kirkland, Walnut. The body was taken to Chattanooga where a brief service was held before burial in the family lot.

Active pallbearers: H. C. Hughes, I. Q. Hardin, Lamar Bennett, T. D. Hill, Thornton Guyton and Roy Randle.

Honorary pallbearers: J. A. Jernigan, C. A. LeQueux, Lawrence T. Lowrey, J. E. Buchanan, George W. Beswick, M. L. Haynie, Sam L. Godwin, Ruffin H. Mitchell, David E. Guyton, Sam P. Gurney, C. E. Lindley, A. J. Guyton.

In the death of Grandpa Skilton, Blue Mountain has lost one of its best-loved and most radiant personalities. Always happy with a friendly smile and a cheerful word for every-

EIGHT MORE FIRSTS

J. E. Dillard

In addition to the nine firsts among Southern Baptists, listed in my former article, I wish to mention eight more.

First in net membership gain: First church, San Antonio, Texas, 632, Perry Webb, pastor.

First in Sunday school enrollment: First church, Dallas, Texas, 4,881, George W. Truett, pastor.

First in prayer meeting attendance: Latonia church, Covington, Kentucky, average in 1942 was 467, John E. Huss, pastor.

First in percentage of church members contributing to program: Myers Park church, Charlotte, North Carolina, 352 members, 352 contributors, new church, no pastor at this time.

First state in total receipts for Southwide causes: Texas, \$422,689.31, W. W. Melton, general secretary.

First state in Cooperative Program receipts for Southwide causes: Virginia, \$232,376.36, Frank T. Crump, secretary-treasurer.

First summer assembly to make offering for Debtless Denomination in '43: Baptist Student Retreat, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, \$269.69, Frank H. Leavell, secretary (the Y. W. A. camp, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, was second, \$131.70, Juliette Mather, secretary).

First Vacation Bible school reporting an offering to help us be Debt-Free in '43: Scottsville church, Scottsville, Kentucky, \$15.00, H. L. Carter, pastor.

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At the recent commencement exercises of John B. Stetson University, Florida Baptist School, the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred on E. D. Solomon, native of Mississippi and now editor of the Florida Baptist Witness. Congratulations to this school for thus honoring a worthy Mississippian.

body, Grandpa till almost the end of his life was one of the youngest old men I ever knew and one who was always welcomed wherever he went, and one who was universally missed when out of Blue Mountain on occasional visits.

He made people happier and better and truer just by his gracious presence. His passing has left a sense of personal loss not only in his family, but in the hearts of all of us who found in him a friend we delighted to own and to honor. We shall miss him down the years, but we thank God for him, and shall remember his loved-ones in our prayers.

The Old Men's Club of Blue Mountain will never find another to take the place of Grandpa Skilton. Down at the local depot they will miss his merry chuckle, his rich store of reminiscences and kindly wisdom, and that democratic disposition and demeanor that made him a friend to mankind.

Peace to the gallant spirit of Grandpa and honor to his noble name. May those of his own flesh and blood find comfort in his freedom from suffering and his loving reunion with those who had gone before. To Mr. Frank, Mrs. Skilton, to Dan and Mary Frances, to Lillian and Baby Dan, here is my hand with a God Bless You in it. Grandpa has left you a legacy far better than silver and gold.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



W. H. WOOD

Number 632 Is Leaf River

To the Members of Leaf River Baptist Church, Pineville, Mississippi:

Just recently at the request of your pastor you adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record, which was considered by him as a forward movement in the progress of our work together. It is the sincere wish of your pastor that each of you read this paper from cover to cover, since it is regarded as one of the finest religious papers of all the southland, and will give to you information and inspiration concerning the work of Southern Baptists at home and abroad. This paper comes forth each week from a group of Baptist leaders who are on fire for God. May we extend every cooperation and united work until the victory is won in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

W. H. WOOD.

Ship "Launched" at Mississippi College

We went to something new (to us) at Mississippi College. At the invitation of Lieut. A. K. Burt, the Commanding Officer, we attended the "launching of the ship" or putting into commission of the V-12 Naval Training Unit.

It was inspiring to see the chapel full of naval trainees snapping to attention like veterans.

Lieut. Burt read the Commanding Officer's order, ordering him to proceed to Clinton and take charge of the Mississippi College Naval Training Unit as Commanding Officer. He then briefly explained the duties of the trainees.

Dr. D. M. Nelson, Mississippi College president, in his usual cordial way extended the welcome on behalf of the college to the officers and men.

After Dr. Nelson's speech, the colors were advanced and if those boys fight as they snapped to attention they will be a pain in Mr. Hirohito's neck.

In addition to Lieut. Burt and Dr. Nelson, the following were seated on the platform: Lieut. (j. g.) H. J. Pettit, Lieut. (j. g.) C. D. Ellison, Dean M. P. L. Berry, Dr. D. A. McCall, Dr. A.

A. A. Kitchings and A. L. Goodrich.

In addition to Lieut. Burt, other officers connected with the training unit are: Lieut. H. L. Howard, Lieut. (j. g.) H. J. Pettit and Lieut. (j. g.) C. D. Ellison.

According to the year book of the Southwide W. M. U., twelve Mississippi churches had full credited Women's Missionary Unions for 1942. Ten of these are EVERY FAMILY churches. "Nuff sed."

Summit

Due to the illness of Dr. J. B. Quinn, we had the privilege of supplying for him at Summit. We found the people carrying on nobly in the absence of their pastor and in a church conference we saw evidence of their thoughtfulness of him. The work there is flourishing. We understand that finances are much better than in former years. Chaplain Lee of Camp Van Dorn was a visitor in the morning service. We had the privilege of being entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Johnson.

Pike county Record readers are listed as follows: FERNWOOD 42; McComb First 64; McComb Central 25; EAST McCOMB 119; MAGNOLIA 77; OSYKA 94; SUMMIT 75; TERRY'S CREEK 71; Progress 7; Union Church 15; FRIENDSHIP 36; TANGPAHOE 91; Silver Creek 12; Bluff Springs 1; Holmesville 2; BOGUE CHITTO 54; SOUTHSIDE McCOMB 90; Bala Chitto 5; Mt. Zion 10.

DYKES SENDS A RAY OF SUNSHINE

A Nice List of Subscribers

Ray F. Dykes, pastor Forty-First Avenue church, Meridian, has not been in Mississippi long but he is cooperating with The Baptist Record as well as the other plans of Mississippi Baptists. Recently he sent a list of 47 new and renewal subscriptions to The Baptist Record and states that he also hopes to lead his church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

Lauderdale county now has Record readers as follows: BETHANY 30; COLLINSVILLE 14; FELLOWSHIP 37; GOODWATER 16; MARION 17; Meehan 6; EIGHTH AVENUE 48; 41ST AVENUE 57 POPLAR SPRINGS 99; Southside 28; MERIDIAN FIRST 453; Highland 43; 15TH AVENUE 306; Midway 11; NEW HOPE 43; Oak Grove 15; RUSSEL 28; TOOMSUBA 27; UNION CHURCH 29; Pine Grove 2; Bonita 2; Liberty 12 HICKORY GROVE 15; PROVIDENCE 23; MT. GILEAD 27; New Prospect 4; Mt. Nebo 2.

Enlistment Pastor E. D. Estes, with headquarters at Ackerman, as usual sends in a nice list of subscriptions for The Baptist Record. In fact, we have learned to look for such a list weekly. The Baptist Record is deeply grateful to all these fine friends who are so helpful.

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Rev. James Thorn of Pricedale, Miss., recently closed a very gracious revival with the Bridge City Baptist Church of Orange, Texas. Twenty years ago this pastor had the privilege of leading Bro. Thorn to Christ and baptizing him. Thorn is a young preacher of unusual ability. Some of the visible results of the meeting were twenty-five additions.—J. B. Perry, pastor.



MISS JIMMIE TODD

Miss Jimmie Todd, recent graduate of Blue Mountain College, has gone to Laurel where she is social and clerical secretary of the First Baptist Church.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Calvary Jackson	697	160
Griffith Memorial Jackson	490	197
New Albany	385	92
Kreole	84	22
Wallerville	70	31
Olive Branch	56	43

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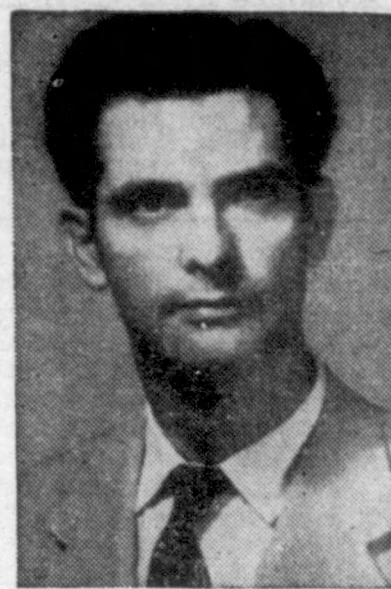
Louisville	265	39
Bethlehem (Jones)	68	55
Cross Roads (Webster)	94	
Yazoo City	206	

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"Better be sober than sorry!"



JOE DANIEL

Joe Daniel, minister of music and education, First Baptist Church, Laurel. He is a recent graduate of B. B. I. He succeeds Fred Scholfield, who recently joined the armed service.

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TEN BEST BOOKS

- "Prayer"—Geo. A. Buttrick.
- "Preaching from the Bible"—A. W. Blackwood.
- "Faith is the Answer"—Blanton and Peale.
- "The Conflict Within Myself"—E. V. Pierce.
- "The Historic Church and Modern Pacifism"—Umphrey Lee.
- "Abundant Living"—E. Stanley Jones.
- "The Soong Sisters"—Emily Hahn.
- "Van Loon's Lives"—H. W. Van Loon.
- "The Holy Spirit"—W. T. Rouse.
- "Preaching from the Prophets"—Kyle M. Yates.

JOHN E. BARNES.

"DEBTS AWAY!"

Shall We Call ——— ?

Bonds Outstanding	Year of Maturity	Interest charges saved if called December 1, 1943
\$52,500	1955	\$44,375
51,500	1956	41,455
52,500	1957	46,675
\$156,500	—TOTALS—	\$132,505
Interest charges saved in previous calls		150,925

Total possible interest savings\$283,430

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Greetings From Miss Wallis

How long the months seemed that I was looking forward to joining the Training Union Department and actually starting to work in the state and meeting all of you with whom I will be associated! Now that the time has come and I have met many of you in the district conventions I know that all of my expectations were not enough. Thank you sincerely for your cooperation and interest in the conventions and the hospitality in many of your homes. I feel as if I'm an "old-time" already because of getting to know so many of you over the state right at the start. Many thanks to you for the hearty welcome to your state work, and I shall be anxious to serve you in any way possible and to get to know you better.

Sincerely,

SARA WALLIS.

Summeritis

Summeritis is a disease common to church folk. It makes the "oners" stay away from church all together, and those who are always found in all the services growing lax in their opportunities. It is a deadly enemy so do not let it get you. The symptoms are your temptation to cut a service, usually the Training Union for it is the service that calls on you to "put out," so watch for this destroyer, and when he comes take a good dose of "I WILL" and in the strength of the Lord you will be the victor, and thus the summer can be the greatest mountain top experience you have had.

Five More Successful Conventions

Yes, the conventions are over as far as the daily meetings are concerned, but they are not over as far as the living results are concerned. The Lord was present in every meeting and His presence gave power. We are grateful to Him for continued interest on the part of the people.

Starting at First church Jackson on Monday, the 21st, with a good representative crowd. The Juniors led in the number to take part in the Memory Drill, with ten taking part. Lena led in attendance bringing a bus load, Brother A. A. Ward, their pastor, coming with them. In this bus was a good group also from Tuscola. Bro. Ward is also pastor here. The evening meal was served picnic style at the park. This added to the pleasure of the delegates. At Moorhead on Wednesday we had one of the best crowds with all associations in the district well represented. Special music here by a quintet of girls from First Greenville added to the program. The meeting at Paynes, though not represented by several of the associations in the district (the meeting was in the extreme corner of the district) was well attended. Greenwood First, Calvary Greenwood, and Itta Bena made up a bus load and came, adding life and interest to the meeting. After being in "Paynes" we were taken in by the "Lyon," but instead of being eaten we were fed, and it was a grand meal.

The fifteen host churches left no stone unturned in making preparations for our coming, and we were treated royally on every hand. Our work has been set forward in a great way. We give God the glory for it all. Following are the officers for these five conventions with the place of meeting for 1944:

District one. President, Mr. Owen Cooper; vice president, Mr. Alfred E. Knapp; leader, Miss Amelia Gieselbreth; will meet at First church Vicksburg in 1944. District 9. President, Rev. A. A. Ward; vice president, Rev. Madison Flowers; secretary, Mrs. V. R. Netherland; leader, Mrs. L. D. Jordan; convention will meet in Sallis in 1944. District 2. President, Mr. J. D. Aycock; vice president, Rev. J. R. Eubanks; secretary, Mrs. A. L. Symonds; leader, Mrs. E. J. Murphey; Inverness will be place of 1944 meeting. District 3. President, Rev. W. W. Kyzar; vice president, Mr. H. E. Shook; secretary, Mrs. N. C. Hathorn; leader, Mrs. P. T. Smith; Friendship No. 2, Tallahatchie county, will be the host church for 1944 meeting. District 4. President, Mr. Claude Lasenby; vice president, Mr. Albert Barnett; secretary, Mrs. M. J. Dunn; leader, Mrs. J. O. Travis. Meeting place for 1944 will be Crowder.

Next week we will run the list of those who were winners in the various contests in the conventions. We rejoice in the goodly number who took part in this part of our program.

Fannin Organizes

Thanks to Brother A. W. Talbert, pastor of the Fannin church they have organized a Young People's Union at Fannin with Miss Lanelle Long as the councilor. They are using the first few Sundays for studying the Manual so they may all be familiar with the work and their duties. A splendid plan when it is not convenient to have a study course using the week days. We are glad to add this union to our list.

Did You Do It???

Some did, and some didn't. In which group are you? Did what? Write Brother Goodrich telling him what parts of the Record you read, and what you read first, second, etc. Please do this. He has a reason for asking you to do this, and the reason must be good! I think he would grant such a request from you, so grab your pen and shoot him a line.

Does Your Secretary READ the Report?

There are so many attractive ways of giving the report every Sunday night that a secretary should not resort to reading the report. If it is given from the blackboard, parts of it could be read, but the main thing would be to point out the "highlights" in the report. A little friendly rivalry between the union, with a banner or some other means of recognition will help a lot to keep up the interest. People like a challenge. Let the secretary work out such a challenge.

LIBERTY SHIPS NAMED AFTER CLERGYMEN

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—Liberty ships are now being christened after famous clergymen.

One of the latest vessels to slide down the ways is the S. S. John Mary Odin, named for the first Roman Catholic bishop of Galveston, Texas. The Odin was launched at Houston on June 14.

A few days earlier, the S. S. Dwight L. Moody took to the water at Panama City, Fla. Moody was one of America's great evangelists at the turn of the last century.

Other ships honoring clergymen are the S. S. Francis Asbury and the S. S. Jason Lee, named for pioneer Methodist preachers. Francis Asbury is known as the "father of American Methodism" and Jason Lee was an early circuit rider who is credited with a major role in the opening of the Oregon Trail.

So far, three U. S. Navy vessels have been christened after chaplains: the U. S. S. Kirkpatrick, the U. S. S. Schmitt, both destroyer escorts, and the U. S. S. Livermore, a destroyer.

Captain Thomas Leroy Kirkpatrick, a Presbyterian, was the first navy chaplain to die in World War II, according to the Navy Department. Lt. (jg) Aloysius Herman Schmitt was the first Catholic naval chaplain to be killed in this war. Both chaplains lost their lives at Pearl Harbor.

The Livermore was christened three years ago in honor of Chaplain Samuel Livermore, who served aboard the U. S. Frigate Chesapeake in the early 1800's.

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Post Chaplain Maurice M. Hall, who was a student at B. B. I. 1936-38, has been transferred from Camp Robinson, Arkansas, to the internment camp for camp personnel and German internees at Huntsville, Texas. In asking that his Record be changed he states that the camp commander is also a Baptist.

Rev. R. A. Eddleman was at Lonoke, Ark., on June 13 for the church dedication program. Brother Eddleman was former pastor at Lonoke. During his pastorate the building was erected.

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Chester M. Savage

Called and Accepted

Zeno M. Wells, Wesson, Miss.
Wade Carver, Bradford, Tenn.
R. J. Clearman, Willow, Okla.
Loren F. Messenger, Grove, Okla.
L. E. Ferguson, Lake Butler, Fla.
J. C. Coggin, Jr., Bay Minette, Ala.
Liddon Sheridan, associate pastor, Curtis, Augusta, Ga.

Raymond Herrington, Beat Line, Philadelphia, Miss.

K. C. Stedman, Calvary, Brownwood, Texas.

E. W. Bailes, Bragtown, Durham, N. C.

Joe Parsons, Westview, Greenville, S. C.

J. D. Bledsoe, Humphrey, Ark.

John E. Evans, Forester, Ark.

I. M. Kibbee, Trinity, Texarkana, Ark.

T. O. Reese, Apalachicola, Fla.

J. W. Cammack, Oakwood Avenue, Richmond, Va.

Resigned

L. W. Cleland, Kearney, Mo.

I. E. Taylor, Illmo, Mo.

E. A. Boyer, Chaffee, Mo.

H. M. Liechty, Marianna, Fla.

L. E. Ferguson, Bratt, Ala.

J. C. Coggin, Jr., Madison Ave., Montgomery, Ala.

E. W. Bailes, Florence, Forest City, N. C.

Fred Poplin, Camp Croft, S. C.

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J. L. Morgan, Linwood, Neshoba, Miss.

J. S. Laws, Clarksburg, Mo.

—BR—

Bro. G. Norman Price of Raleigh, North Carolina, has accepted the call extended him to serve as pastor of First Baptist Church of Indianola, Mississippi, and will begin his ministry about the middle of August. Bro. Price takes the place of Bro. N. G. Hickman, who recently resigned in order to enter the United States Army as a chaplain. Bro. Hickman is now residing in Jackson and last week received his notice to report at Harvard on July 15.—Mary F. McLellan, church secretary.



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Sunday School Department

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Philadelphia—Advanced Standard

One of the greatest joys that we have had in quite a while came to us several days ago when we had the privilege of forwarding with our approval to the Nashville office the application for the Advanced Standard award for the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss., Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor, Walker W. Jones, superintendent.

It so happened that we were that week near Philadelphia and at the invitation of the pastor and superintendent went there one day and spent two hours with them and the general secretary and church secretary checking up their records on this Advanced Standard application. We went thoroughly into every point. We made the happy discovery that they not only met every point, but that they had done it with an excellent margin. We were greatly impressed by a statement from the superintendent who said that his idea of the whole program was that this high rating be not looked upon as an end in itself, but that it be the natural and logical outcome of the program that should be promoted by a Sunday school. He certainly has the right idea about it.

It is no easy matter for a Sunday school to reach the Advanced Standard rating. We found, among other things, that out of 76 officers and teachers, 40 of them have the Sunday school diploma, and that 63 of them have two or more diploma credits. Their program of training within recent months, and even for some years, has been always in evidence. They have realized that unless they train their people they will not achieve much.

Mississippi thus becomes the third state in the South to have an Advanced Standard Sunday school this year—Georgia and Arkansas having previously joined the group.

To the pastor, superintendent, and every officer, teacher and pupil of the great school at Philadelphia, we express our sincerest congratulations on this magnificent achievement. This is not a new experience to that school, for they were also Advanced Standard during the years of 1939 and 1940.

Louisville

Another very joyous occasion was ours recently with some experiences with the Sunday school at Louisville, Miss., Rev. W. L. Day, pastor, Joe H. McCully, superintendent.

For some several months they have been pushing along on an enlarged program of Sunday school work. A number of vital points were involved in all of this. Recently, however, they had the delightful pleasure of seeing the culmination of a number of these items of their work.

The Young People's Department, L. C. Murphree, superintendent, has become Standard, and is the second one in the state so far this year. The Standard Young People's classes are: Ruth, Mrs. W. L. Day, teacher; Martha, Mrs. L. C. Murphree, teacher, and McMillin, E. F. Buckner, teacher. This is the first time in the history of that school that the Young People's Department has been Standard.

But the crowning achievement of the work of these months was in the fact that the Sunday school became a Standard one for the first time ever. This is always a matter that brings joy and happiness to the leaders.

The above achievements will be more readily understood when it is known that their training program has been pushed also. They have recently given out 58 book awards and 10 diplomas from training work of recent weeks, in addition to that previously done.

We wish to express to the pastor, superintendent, and all the other officers and teachers our hearty congratulations on these fine results.

It Was Sufficient

We recently had the report of a mission Vacation Bible school, directed by one with no previous experience. On the report she said this: "I found in the textbooks everything I needed. The material in the books was equally suited for a large or small school. We had a Beginner department and combined the Primary and Junior departments. This worked out satisfactorily in our mission. The response of the children and the success of our school was far greater than we had expected."

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CHALYBEATE WILL CELEBRATE ITS CENTENNIAL

Chalybeate church, Tippah county, then know as Union church, was organized on July 22, 1843, and will celebrate its centennial and homecoming on July 25. The feature of the morning program will be an address by Dr. J. P. Kirkland, pastor of the Walnut church. Dr. Kirkland will also speak at the evening service. Dr. L. T. Lowry, president of Blue Mountain College, will speak at the afternoon service. An old-time dinner on the ground will be served at noon. Friends and former members are invited to help start this good church off on its second century of service.

—BR—

McAdams: Sunday, June 27, we had the largest attendance at Sunday school we have had this year. Also, the house was well filled for the preaching service. It seems that the church has a new vision of our Lord and of His work. The church recently gave \$50 above its pledge to the Now Club and plans are going forward for a liberal offering for the B. M. C. Endowment fund. Buses will be operated for the meeting in August.—G. W. Smith, pastor.

Pastor R. M. Lewis of Chalybeate in writing about the coming centennial celebration says: "We are still enjoying the Record up this way. You are giving us a good paper." We consider Brother Lewis a good judge!

—BR—

Have you made your gift to the Blue Mountain College Endowment fund?

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

(Continued from Page Six)

three of those.

Mrs. Bouldin, missionary to Japan—

She told of her experience when she lived near a slum section. One day as she was going home from the village some boys in this section threw some rocks at her.

The next day she had to pass by there again. Before she came, she came upon a large bush of roses, so she picked some. When she came in sight every boy she saw she gave a rose. Instead of throwing rocks they came to her and asked for flowers. After that they became her friends. They opened a Sunday school and kindergarten for these boys.

Mrs. Brantley, Africa—

In Africa the missionaries have their own picture shows. The Africans loved to see themselves in a picture and so they come in great numbers to see them. Before every picture show they always have a 45-minute sermon because that is about the only way they can get them to come. In this way they have been able to reach a number of people.

Dr. Dillard, director of promotion—

He was called to be the pastor of a church in Missouri. He was very young and he didn't think he'd been called as yet to be a preacher. But he tried. After one of the services he gave the invitation. Five boys came up. He had no idea anybody would come and so he had no idea what to say. He knew it was right to pray, so he prayed silently. He asked every boy to kneel down to pray. The boys said they didn't know how to pray but they tried. When they finished every boy came to believe that they were truly saved.

Mary Nance Daniels—

The third year she was student secretary at L. S. U. this girl came to the campus. The girl had been educated in Switzerland, Germany and France. She wasn't a Christian. For two months she tried to gain her friendship and an opportunity finally came when she could tell her what it meant to her to be a Christian. The girl was interested and she asked many questions. A week later she publicly accepted Christ as her Saviour. She became very active in church work.

Miss Vena Aguiard, missionary to the French People—

She was very lonely when she arrived in Morgan City. One day a young woman came to take her riding. They drove a couple of miles out of town. When they had gone this far Miss Aguiard asked her to take her back, but the woman refused. They stopped a little way from the river they had just crossed. There was a boy already there sent by the priest. She told them she wasn't afraid of anything they did to her because she had someone with her. They looked around and they didn't see anybody.

She told them she had the Lord with her and the Lord would protect her. They became afraid and they decided to take her back because they didn't want to be hurt themselves. On the way home the boy stopped the car and asked her to pray for him. She prayed for him and they took her home. Later the boy joined the church and he is now a very good

THE ABSENT T.

W. W. Hamilton, New Orleans, La.

His name was Thomas. He was not with them when Jesus came, and you cannot spell victory with an absent T, and Thomas is not all there if T is absent.

1. Jesus came to the evening meeting. The disciples were gathered in the usual place. The closed doors shut out the Jews and Thomas, but Jesus came and stood in their midst. In this room He and they had often been together. Here He had taught His disciples, and here the Lord's Supper had been instituted. There are congregational blessings as well as personal and individual.

2. Thomas was not there. Where was he? What reason or excuse did he give? He was the gloomy, the doubting disciple. He did not believe his brethren, and did not believe that the Saviour had been there. He was the very man who most needed what took place at the Sunday night meeting, but he was an absentee.

3. His absence was very costly to him. He should have been there because of his own need of more faith in Jesus and in his brethren. He would not have been so critical. Think too of what he missed. The risen Lord was there. Doubts were removed. Peace was bestowed. The pastor and the members and the visitors may miss him, but the absent Thomas is the one who misses most.

4. Thomas came next Sunday night, and Jesus was there again. The absentee was challenged. He had his doubts removed. He made a new confession of his faith, and received from the Saviour a new beatitude. To Thomas now Jesus was alive, was real, was with him, and he was now ready with the others to go forth with faith and consecration to meet the duties and the tests which were sure to come. We do not spell Christian with an absent T.

—BR—

I heartily recommend to Mississippi Baptists the American Bible Society's motion, sound picture, "The Book for the World of Tomorrow." It portrays the keeping, translating and spread of the Bible all over the entire world. It shows the printing of the old Guttenberg Bible. The press used is a replica of the original. We have shown the picture to all the churches in the George County Association. All people who saw it praised it very highly. Prof. Herman Thames has asked for the film to use in the Rocky Creek High school as a chapel program and as an educational feature. Those interested can get full information from the Visual Education Department, American Bible Society, Park Avenue and 57th Street, New York, N. Y.—F. Jeff Eubanks.

Christian.

Miss Watson, missionary to China—

When Miss Watson traveled in China she always tried to use an object to show the people her point. The object was a flag of China. In the Chinese flag the red represents sacrifice, the blue truth, the sun the light.

Dr. Liu was president of the University of Shanghai in China, and was assassinated for his belief. His body lay in state all day. A black cross covered the hole the bullet had made on his forehead. A red cross was across his chest for the sacrifice he had made.

These were some of the testimonies.

Baptist Insistence On Personal Soul-Winning

By Cecil Meadows, England

I. Necessity of Personal Soul-Winning

Personal soul-winning is a term we hear used more and more these days. There was a time when the mere announcement of a revival service practically assured a congregation. But not so now. Lost people are not going to church in large numbers these days. So, personal soul-winning is coming more and more to be the principal means of bringing lost souls to Christ. During a recent meeting in which there were twenty-nine accessions to our church I talked personally to each one who came and knew in advance the very night each one was coming.

II. Personal Soul-Winning Defined

Personal soul-winning is not an effort to get a friend to change his church affiliation. It is not trying to get some one to reform, "quit his meanness" and join the church. Soul-winning is not inviting a person to go to church, nor to attend a Sunday school class. Nor is it speaking an encouraging word to a friend during the invitation hymn while the preacher is pressing the invitation. Most any Christian could do personal soul-winning under these favorable circumstances. I interpret personal soul-winning to be the effort of a redeemed person to go where people are, and with the open Bible in his hands press the claim of Christ on the soul of a lost person. This is the highest type of Christian service. It is conclusive evidence of regeneration. Other evidences might be false, but not this one.

III. Why We Hesitate

Why do Christians hesitate to do personal soul-winning? Many saved people are over-awed with the tremendous size of the task. They feel so woefully inadequate for the responsibility. Some fear that they do not know enough about the Bible even to begin. Others hesitate to make an effort at soul-winning because of the presence of some known sin in their own lives—sin of omission or commission—which robs them of power, even if it is not known by the lost person. Sin still makes cowards of us as it did of Adam and Eve who fled from the face of God in the Garden of Eden.

IV. Prerequisites to Personal Soul-Winning

No one but a thoroughly converted person can be a successful soul-winner. It is hardly probable that any other would attempt soul-winning. And it is quite certain that nothing but a positive testimony from a saved person could get a favorable hearing in the mind of a lost person.

A soul-winner must have love for lost souls. Perhaps our generation of Christians fails at this point more than at any other. We just do not love souls. And for that reason we attempt to institutionalize our testimony. We do not want to come to grips with the lost person for fear our cold hearts will be revealed by our indifference, our lack of convictions, and by our cold words. So we try to substitute Sunday school teaching, visitation, and church work in general for our definite responsibility of personal soul-winning.

Dr. R. A. Torrey offers four suggestions to those of us who want to love souls more than we do: (1) Go to God and humbly confess this lack in our lives and ask Him by His Holy Spirit to supply that which we sorely need, and expect Him to do it (I John 5:14, 15; Phil. 4:19). (2) Maintain an intimate and constant companionship with Jesus who loved souls (Matt. 23:37; Luke 19:10). If we will but stay close to Him, He will impart to our lives this grace which was so pre-eminent in His. (3) Feelings are the outcome of thoughts. If any saved person will dwell long enough upon the peril and the wretchedness of any man out of Christ and the worth of his soul in God's sight as seen in the death of God's Son to save him, a feeling of intense desire for that man's salvation is almost certain to follow. And (4) a reflection upon our own ruined and unhappy condition without Christ is sure to fill our hearts with desire to bring others to the Saviour we have found.

V. Why We Should Engage in Personal Soul-Winning

Christ intends that every Christian be a personal soul-winner.

(1) It is His positive command. In the Great Commission the words "make disciples" are in the intensive form, which excludes a casual presentation of the gospel story. It means to press the claim until the person submits to the Lordship of Christ.

(2) When we start to do personal soul-winning, we should remember that God and the conscience of the lost person are in our favor.

(3) Paul showed us how to do personal soul-winning. He warned people from house to house in tears.

(4) It should be recalled that no effort to win a soul to Christ is a failure. The effort may prove to be a seed-sowing, but it is not a total failure. In fact, there are no failures for anyone who tries sincerely to do anything for the Kingdom of God in the name of Christ.

(5) Personal soul-winning removes personal difficulties which might not be touched upon in a dozen sermons. A college president was astonished to learn that a cultured young lady in the school was holding out because of a childish conception of God as a Being of wrath. She liked Jesus but could not come to see God as a desirable Being. A little personal attention showed her that love is the very nature of God and she trusted Christ as Saviour.

(6) Personal soul-winning is in keeping with Bible teachings and examples. Philip of Bethsaida found Nathanael and told him about Jesus. Andrew first found his own brother, and brought him to Jesus. Our Saviour spoke personally to Matthew, to the rich young ruler, to Zacchaeus, and from the sky Jesus spoke personally to Paul. Nineteen times it is recorded of Jesus that He stopped during His earthly ministry to talk to one person.

(7) Personal soul-winning is not only a duty, but it is the high privilege of every saved person. What man would not consider it a privilege to be permitted to toss a rope to a drowning companion and rescue him from a watery grave? Just so it is a privilege to win souls.

SEASON OF PRAYER:

It has been gratifying in recent years to note that more of our societies and auxiliary organizations for young people have observed all three Seasons of Prayer. No doubt this has had much influence in offering increases and has resulted in a deepening of spiritual life in members. With 40,472 organizations the largest single report as to the number observing one season is 23,107. Believing that these united prayer seasons are a most effective means of quickening the missionary spirit and its response in special gifts we must stimulate all societies and young people's organizations to participate. This certainly is a field for the associational Union. Time could well be devoted in quarterly meetings to testimony as to the blessing of full observance. Stronger societies could help weaker ones in program presentation and in prayer for the causes and workers presented. Two of the 1943 Weeks of Prayer are still before us, that for state missions and the December period for foreign missions. We believe that talk concerning them and help if necessary in carrying them out will result in a far better report concerning total number of societies observing these Weeks of Prayer in 1943. We have no records concerning the observance of the Calendar of Prayer but much testimony as to its blessings. We believe that if some member of a society or

(8) Personal witnessing corrects the greatest mistake in soul-winning. Some people hesitate for fear they might make a mistake, might not be able to meet the arguments of the person, might not be able to answer all his questions, or that they might offend the person. But the greatest mistake ever made is to neglect a lost soul, to forget the value of a soul. For us to fail to warn the wicked and then to have God require their blood at our hands is the greatest mistake that we could possibly make as Christians.

(9) Personal soul-winning assures the lost of our concern and of God's love. A worker went to a young man and said, "Your father is concerned about you." To which the young man replied, "Did my father tell you that he is concerned about me? He has never told me so." A mature woman once asked, "Do you not think it strange that they did not speak to me about my soul?" A grown daughter once remarked, "I was interested and showed my interest, but neither father nor mother, pastor nor teacher said one word to me. No one cared, and I came to where I did not care." And she resisted all appeals.

A lot of equipment is not necessary for one to be a personal soul-winner. We do not have to pass any scholarship tests of any kind. No college education or seminary training is required. No theological tests have to be passed. No pulpit, no song or sermon is necessary, and no revival services are required. All we need is salvation and sincerity. We do not need to pray for opportunities to win souls, but rather we need to pray that we may see and use the opportunities which present themselves every day.

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3. The name "Herod" appears a number of times in the Bible. It refers to three different persons. Can you differentiate them?
4. Two mistakes (or misprints) appeared in the "Geneva Bible" of 1560 and 1631. Do you know what these mistakes were?

(Correct answers on Page 15.)

Thursday, July 3, 1943

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects
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(From Public Relations Office)
"UP THERE, SOLDIER"

We can feel very thankful that our government is willing to do much for the religious well-being of the soldier. It is a tremendous inspiration to me to see chapels here and there and everywhere throughout this camp. There are more than twenty chapels at Camp Shelby and even other buildings are used for religious services. And all these chapels scattered throughout the camp, with their small steeples pointing heavenward, seem to say "Up there, soldier, is the solution of your problem."

In this camp the chaplain is recognized as a very important cog in the military machine. We were given the opportunity to interview all draftees entering the service. The three chaplains of this regiment interviewed some thirty-two hundred soldiers. Every one of them was urged to get right with God before it is too late; and to attend chapel faithfully. We have a very good attendance and through the preaching of the gospel we constantly say, "Up there, soldier, up there."

The present war is a conflict of "isms." That is why this war is so tremendously important and also so deadly. Christianity has a wonderful opportunity to interject the truth into the battle of "isms." Our government has given the church the opportunity to do so. Will the church of Jesus Christ seize this golden opportunity? Hundreds and thousands of chaplains are needed and should enter the conflict. We belong to the fighting church. It is not first of all love for the soldier, or love for the soldiers of our own particular church which would motivate us, but love for the truth. Thus when thousands of voices are united in a common appeal, the message may be heard above the noise and din of the battle, "Up there, world, up there at the right hand of God the Father, where Christ Jesus is, is the solution of all the problems that harass the world—today. Up there, soldier. Up there."—The Camp Shelby Reveille.

—BR—
The ladies of Zion Hill church, Copiah county, have ten dozen empty quart jars to be filled for the Orphanage Thanksgiving box. This small church has been doing this for the past ten years.—W. D. Hammond.

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NAVAL OFFICERS SHOW REGARD FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE OF MEN

Washington—Navy men who command, line officers responsible for the lives and conduct of their men, often show a deep and abiding regard for the spiritual lives of their men. In the case of smaller vessels unable to carry chaplains, these officers frequently arrange for informal services, conduct burials at sea when a Navy Chaplain is not available, or cooperate with other officers or men aboard in providing divine services.

Vivid accounts of how two such officers regard the religious aspects of their command was reported recently from the battle zone.

One tells how Commander Harry D. Power, U. S. N., the day before American Marines landed on Guadalcanal, solved the problem of offering up the traditional prayer by the Captain of a ship before his crew goes into battle.

As commanding officer of a large vessel, his responsibilities included delivery of supplies and ammunition to troops fighting their way up the island beaches. Fire from shore installations and aircraft would make it impossible to assemble his men for prayers. In order that the prayers might not be omitted, Captain Power ordered multigraphed copies of "The Prayer to be Said Before a Fight at Sea Against Any Enemy." In it he asked, "Tonight won't you join me in the following prayer for our success tomorrow? Make everything right in your heart, and you have nothing to be afraid of."

Captain Power's ship went into battle next day, and though the convoy in which it served was attacked time and again, his vessel came through unscathed with not a man injured.

In another report from "somewhere at sea," Captain Ben K. Weatherwax, U. S. M. C., recently wrote: "When chaplains were assigned, our ship missed out, and for the weeks that we were at sea, the men in this command have been without benefit of clergy . . . those who wished to observe Sundays had gathered on the after-deck to sing a few hymns and read a few verses of Scripture. And so it might have been on this Sunday, had things been on schedule." Then he told how the men stood their stations through a night when action was expected momentarily, ready for any eventuality—how an electric tension hung over the ship as it sped through the darkness.

Captain Weatherwax continued: "I was standing on the flying bridge when the east grew lighter than the west and turned a pale blue . . . the tired wind-blown lines of men that scattered the decks turned to the east with relief, hearts grown stronger with the daylight." In the early morning light of the day that the men hardly expected to see, a lanky marine mounted a hatch cover, opened a pocket Bible and read a moving scriptural passage. Then he prayed, concluding with a sincere "We ask it in His name." From the throats of silent, reverent men came a barely audible "Amen."

—BR—
"Don't be a saloonatic!"

—BR—
"Clearer heads call for sobriety!"

EVANGELIST



REV. R. P. BUTLER

Rev. R. P. Butler is doing the preaching in the revival at the Goodyear Baptist Church, Picayune. The meeting began on July 4 and will run until the 16th. He is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gonzales, La., a native Mississippian and a graduate of Mississippi College and of the Baptist Bible Institute. Rev. J. D. Griffin is pastor of the Goodyear church.

—BR—
MRS. D. M. PRICE

"She went about doing good." This can truthfully be said of Mrs. D. M. Price, Pricedale, who died June 16, 1943.

Grandma Price, as she was affectionately called by a host of friends, was a loyal member of the Bogue Chitto church. Truly she was a great soul, but Grandma never thought of herself as great. Many times she expressed her regret that she could not do more for the Lord. But her friends who knew of her many deeds of kindness are sure she received from the Master a hearty, "Well done." Her heart was touched by every need, and as far as she was able she supplied that need. Like the Master, she had compassion on the sick and all who were in sorrow.

Mrs. Price's home-going has saddened the hearts of her seven children, a number of grandchildren, two of whom are in the armed service, and a great host of friends. But they are comforted because they know their dear one is with the Lord.—Her pastor, James Torn.

—BR—
We had our youth revival beginning Sunday, June 20th and running through Sunday, June 27th. Never have I been connected with a greater meeting than this one. We had sunrise prayer services for the young people on the football field each morning at 6:30 o'clock and the young and old came in large numbers. We had a Bible forum at ten each morning which was very interesting and helpful. Each night we conducted evangelistic services in the church for everyone. There were three conversions and a great number who consecrated their lives. Dr. W. L. Sewell, pastor at Gloster, led the evangelistic services and the Bible forum. He is indeed one who loves the Lord and lost people.—Homer W. Roberson, pastor.

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On Thee my burdens are resigned,
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Safe guide me, Lord, through my brief day,
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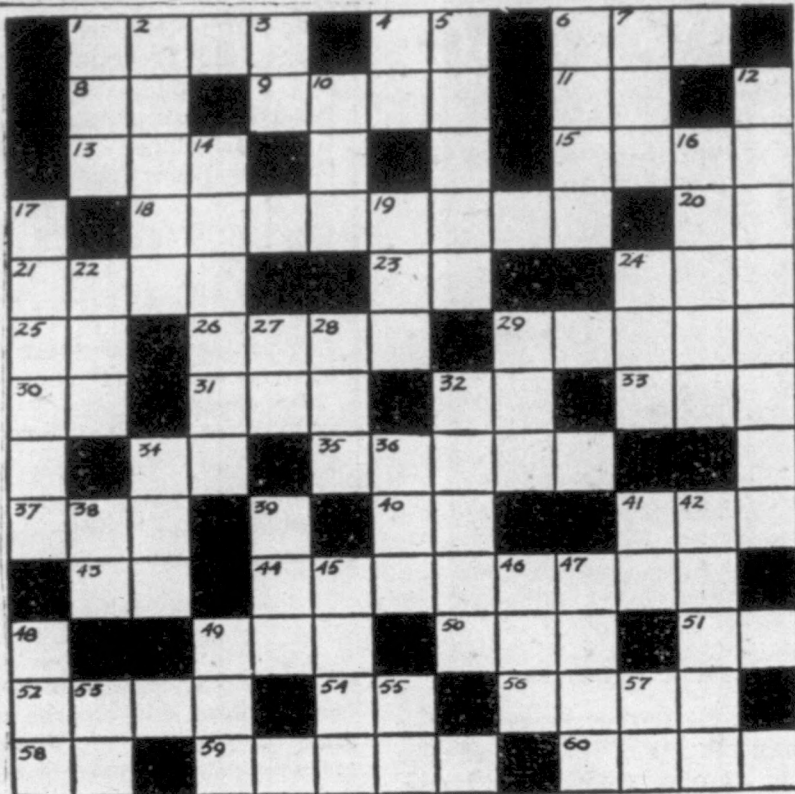
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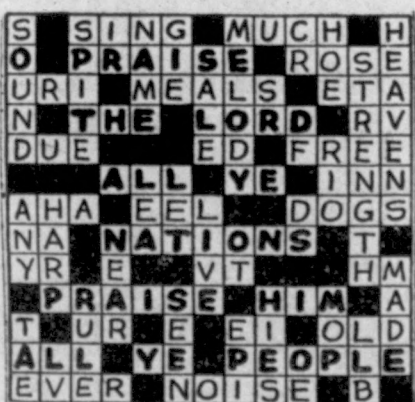
- 1 "words are . . . and faithful," Rev. 21:5.
- 4 Postscript.
- 6 "I am the . . . the truth, and the life," John 14:6.
- 8 " . . . that endureth to the end," Matt. 10:22.
- 9 "for . . . he counted me faithful," I Tim. 1:12.
- 11 "the faithfulness . . . unto all generations," Ps. 119:90.
- 13 "not seen, and . . . have believed," John 20:29.
- 15 "to sit up . . ." Ps. 127:2.
- 18 "the Lord preserveth the . . ." Ps. 31:23.
- 20 Egyptian sun god.
- 21 Girl.
- 23 "Fear none . . . those things," Rev. 2:10.
- 24 Varnish ingredient.
- 25 "thou . . . faithfulness hast afflicted me," Ps. 119:17.
- 26 "not been faithful in . . . which is another man's," Luke 16:12.
- 29 "tree, of . . . I commanded thee," Gen. 3:17.
- 30 Newspaper notice.
- 31 Snake-like fish.
- 32 Father.
- 33 " . . . shall be upon the faithful," Ps. 101:6.
- 34 "without faith it . . . impossible to please him," Heb. 11:6.
- 35 "he that is . . . among you," Luke 9:48.
- 37 Make lace.
- 40 Railroad.
- 41 Exclamation of disgust.
- 43 "great . . . thy faithfulness," Lam. 3:23.
- 44 "A . . . man shall abound with blessings," Prov. 28:20.
- 49 Saints; streets.
- 50 Salt.
- 51 Word before verse 129 of Psalm 119.
- 52 "thy faithfulness . . . in the congregation," Ps. 89:5.

- 54 "Have faith . . . God," Mark 11:22.
 - 56 "as . . . as lieth in you, live peaceably," Rom. 12:18.
 - 58 "there is . . . faithfulness in their mouth," Ps. 5:9.
 - 59 "be thou faithful unto . . ." Rev. 2:10.
 - 60 Ages.
- Our text is 8, 9, 11, 18, 25, 26, 29, 34, 35, 43, 44, 52 54 and 56 combined.

DOWN

- 1 " . . . faithfulness shall thou establish," Ps. 89:2.
- 2 Range of rocks near surface of water (pl.).
- 3 And.
- 4 Same as 32 across.
- 5 "thy rod and thy . . ." Ps. 23:4.
- 6 "I . . . give thee a crown of life," Rev. 2:10.
- 7 Good Judean king, II Chron. 14:2.
- 10 "and the archers . . . him," I Sam. 31:3.
- 12 "thy faithfulness . . . unto the clouds," Ps. 36:5.
- 14 "O . . . and see that the Lord is good," Ps. 34:8 (pl.).
- 16 Dick . . . character in comics.
- 17 Flexible.
- 19 "I would thou wert cold or . . ." Rev. 3:15.
- 22 " . . . be not faithless, but believing," John 20:27.
- 24 "A faithful witness will not . . ." Prov. 14:5.
- 27 " . . . is faithful and just to forgive us," I John 1:9.
- 28 " . . . thy commandments are faithful," Ps. 119:86.
- 29 "forasmuch as he . . . faithful," Dan. 6:4.
- 32 "utmost . . . of the earth," Ps. 2:8.
- 34 It is (cont.).
- 36 Son of Gad, Gen. 46:16.
- 38 City of the Canaanites, Josh. 8:1.
- 39 "as . . . as ye drink it," I Cor. 11:25.
- 41 Bushel.
- 42 " . . . and Omega," Rev. 1:8.
- 45 Eastern continent.
- 46 Meat.
- 47 Passage for smoke in chimney.
- 48 "A faithful . . . who can find," Prov. 20:6.
- 49 "other holy offerings . . . they in pots," II Chron. 35:13.
- 53 " . . . I am with you always," Matt. 28:20.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?
Lawson H. Cooke

Southern Baptists will soon be out of debt. There seems to be no doubt that our entire Southwide indebtedness will be retired before the end of this year. Many states and a large number of churches have already paid out and others will follow during 1943.

The question Southern Baptists are now asking is, "What next?" There is but one reasonable answer. We should capitalize upon the widespread interest in our debt-paying program and utilize the momentum which it has created in a concerted effort to accumulate adequate reserves for the unprecedented missionary opportunity into which we are rapidly moving.

Our present enormous national income cannot possibly continue after the war for it is a product of the most tremendous war effort in the history of the world. The transition from war production to civilian goods will be slow and painful. A decrease in our denominational receipts is inevitable.

With the close of the war, there will be a universal cry for the gospel of Christ, but, without the necessary reserves, we will find ourselves in the unfortunate position of not having adequate revenues to take advantage of the opportunity. Every denominational agency and institution, as well as individual churches, should, after liquidating their indebtedness, move immediately into a program of accumulating reasonable and adequate emergency accounts. There are those who will say that these reserves will unfavorably affect our contributions. They will not. They will create a church and denominational pride which will urge Southern Baptists into a great missionary crusade for the spiritual conquest of the world.

PRAYER

At the famous conference grounds of Winona Lake, this year, there will gather one thousand preachers and one thousand laymen, from July 6 to 8, to pray for a nation-wide revival. It is a prayer-meeting on a national scale. Nothing quite like it has ever been seen in this country.

We like it. We like it very much indeed. For this is timely, timeless prayer, at the moment when we need it most. It is one thing to pray when we go into battle, or when we find ourselves afloat on a raft—and we are not critical of that praying, either—but it is quite another thing to gather such a host of people from all over the nation to pray for guidance before the battle comes, before we need the raft.

Why limit it to Winona? Why don't we establish such prayer-centers north, south, east and west, coast to coast? We have been shouting our hymns of hatred long enough, shaking our mailed fists long enough. It's time we got on our knees, if we are to get out of the mess we're in, and if we are to prevent another such mess from coming our way again.—Christian Herald.

—BR—

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BRITISH AUTHORITY OPTIMISTIC
ON FUTURE OF RELIGION
IN RUSSIA

New York (RNS)—The attempt to destroy religion in Russia has failed, and this failure is recognized by the Soviet authorities themselves, according to Sir Bernard Pares, British editor and author, and an authority on Russian history, writing in the July issue of Foreign Affairs.

"In my view," he states, "we have no need to be anxious for the future of religion in Russia, and certainly not for the effects of our present close partnership with her on the lot of Russian Christians."

The trend of religion in Russia is toward "simple Bible Christianity," the author believes, because "the attack on the church has driven religion back to the individual conscience."

"Though we cannot forecast the future, we have every reason to say that the attempt to extirpate faith from the Russian spirit has failed, and that this failure has been recognized in Russia."

Referring to the achievements of various Baptist missionaries "who could never give their real names or indicate the scene of their labors," he says: "In a recent census which, among other statistics, took those of religious belief, so many confessed boldly to it that the figures were never published. I have been informed that there were many others who evaded the question but held as firmly as before to their religion."

—BR—

Pastor Metts, Northside church, Jackson, reports a good Vacation Bible school. On Thursday evening of the second week the faculty and students enjoyed a picnic at Battlefield Park. The commencement exercise was held on Friday evening of the second week. The Beginners gave a most interesting and informing program. It bought tears of joy to the eyes of many; the pastor, parents and visitors. The children and adults are finding the Vacation Bible school accomplishes much along the lines of church life and Bible study.



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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for July 11, 1943
GOD CALLS A LEADER

Exodus 2:1 to 3:12

While a prince in the court of Egypt, Moses never forgot his mother's lesson of loyalty to Jehovah and to the people of Israel. Whether enjoying palace luxuries or winning the honors of culture or aiding in legislation or battling for the Egyptian standards among hostile tribes, he nursed the hope that he might deliver his people from oppression.

At forty years of age he felt that the hour of deliverance had come. So when he found a taskmaster maltreating a Hebrew, he slew the Egyptian, revealing his sympathies and his readiness to lead Israel out of bondage. What must have been his chagrin the next day to be taunted by a Hebrew with the murder of the Egyptian! At once Moses saw that his stroke was inopportune, and that his safety required his flight. He, therefore fled into the wilderness eastward and found a congenial refuge in the home of Jethro, a Midianite officer.

Here the second period of forty years in Moses' life was spent probably in the capacity of a shepherd. It was a long trying period of obscurity to one so cultured and capable, yet it served nobly in the preparation of Moses for his great life work. It brought him nearer to God and the eternal verities, thus enabling him to separate the good from the bad in his Egyptian learning. It separated him more completely from the oppressors and identified him more intimately with the oppressed. It developed in him a physical hardihood equal to the exactions of his future leadership, and gave him a complete knowledge of the territory in which Israel was to wander for forty years. Moreover, it cultivated those sterling qualities of character which so eminently fitted him for his exalted duties.

When eighty years of age, Moses received at Horeb his call to deliver Israel out of Egypt.

Lesson Text and Outline
Exodus 3:1-12

- I. The Flaming Bush.
- II. The Holy Ground.
- III. The Heavenly Voice.
- IV. The Chosen Leader.

Notes Analytical and Expository

1. The presence of God was revealed in the flaming bush. Moses was in the stern, hard path of his duties in Midian; he was superintending the care of Jethro's flock and, in the search for the best pasture, was now far from home. Beyond the desert in that vicinity he had gone till he "came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb." It may have been that he was reflecting upon the fate which had made him a tender of sheep when once he had desired to be a leader of men. At any rate, as he moved about among the grazing herd in the vicinity of the sacred mount which lifted its granite form almost abruptly from the plain, he witnessed the first of the miracles of his day. A bush in plain view before him burst into flame. It was real fire; yet was unconsumed; and it proved the miracu-

lous medium for a divine manifestation. That a dry thornbush of the desert was not instantly burnt up by such a flame very naturally attracted the curiosity of Moses. So he determined to investigate.

2. The authority of God was recognized on the holy ground. As Moses started toward the flaming acacia shrub, what was his surprise to hear from the fire his own name twice repeated. Perhaps with bated breath he answered: "Here am I." Then came the challenge to his reverence. He must not draw nigh for cold investigation or in reckless familiarity. Hence the command to remove his sandals for he was, indeed, standing on holy ground. At once, no doubt, Moses obeyed the voice. He knew himself in the presence of the Supernatural, and stood barefoot by the desert bush afire with God.

3. The purpose of God was declared in the heavenly voice. The miracle was more than a magnet to attract; it was a message to be heard and heeded. And it was threefold: (1) There was a proclamation of divinity. "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Perhaps Moses had surmised the presence of God in the mysterious flame, but this declaration definitely identified the Author of the message and we wonder not that the divine self-revelation caused Moses to hide his face in awe. (2) There was the promise of Israel's deliverance. The woes and wallings of the nation had been seen and heard and known by Jehovah. Surely this was consoling; but more so was the announcement that the day of deliverance was now at hand with God Himself present to deliver and to lead His people "unto a land flowing with milk and honey." It will be the land of Canaan promise of old to the fathers, a land to be retaken from the various tribes now usurping it. (3) There was the call of the deliverer. It was from God; it was to Moses; and it was unmistakable. It was the precise mission to which Moses two-score years previously had aspired.

4. The call of God was heeded by the chosen leader. The desert had taught meekness and so Moses shrank from the colossal task: "Who am I?" But God assured him that he was neither to go nor to work alone: "I will be with thee." And Sinai was named as the place of sacrifice and service on the journey to Canaan. At first hesitant, Moses finally heeded the call and became the leader of Israel.

The Lesson of the Lesson Heed the Call of God

- (1) The call to stop.
- (2) The call to see.
- (3) The call to hear.
- (4) The call to worship.
- (5) The call to trust.
- (6) The call to sympathize.
- (7) The call to serve.

Gold in the Golden Text

Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. Exodus 3:10.

Think of the call that came to Moses and the call that comes to us, each and all, today.

It is a call divine. God is interested. God is present. God is speaking. God has heard a cry; He must be heard in a call. "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth."

It is a call definite. It is personal

WHY I QUIT TOBACCO

Jeff D. Ray

Riding with a friend the other day he offered me a cigarette. When I courteously declined he asked if I had ever smoked. My reply was, "Yes, except dipping snuff, I have used tobacco in every form I ever saw it used by mortal man. I have not used it at all for many years but I quit cigarettes long before I discarded other forms of the weed." The subject was changed and I did not give him my reasons for quitting cigarettes first. With no desire to play pietistic or preachery and certainly with no thought of holding myself up as a criterion for others, may I tell you why I quit cigarettes first?

1. I did not enjoy a cigarette without inhaling the smoke. Common sense taught me that, whatever might be said about other forms of using tobacco, to take that much solid matter, countless infinitesimal blocks of solid charcoal, into my lungs might inevitably, in the course of time, do me harm physically. Since the good God had endowed me with a somewhat vigorous body and since I wanted to preserve it to a reasonably old age, I decided to cut out cigarettes.

2. I did not like the company they kept. I noticed that whenever I went into a liquor dive, a beer joint, a public dance hall or a house of prostitution, cigarette smoking was in evidence galore, apparently used by every employer, employee and habitue. I do not mean to say that cigarettes are not used by some of the best people, for certainly they are. What I mean to say is that while that statement is often true, my other statement is always true. (Let me here hasten to say that I was never in my life in one of those places to buy anything they had to sell or enjoy any supposed pleasure they had to offer, but in legitimate pursuance of my calling I have been in all of them times without number.) I decided that my friends might, of course, follow their own instincts, but as for me, I did not want to continue a useless and possibly hurtful habit that seemed so easily at home in and congenial with the lowest strata of society.

3. I discovered that most boys (and now, alas! I would have to include girls) learn to use tobacco through the cigarette route. I also observed that most of my neighbors and associates did not want their children to form the tobacco habit. I also realized that my example as a respected

in authority and appeal. It is specific in place and plan and partnership. "We are labourers together with God."

It is a call directed. He who calls will guide. He will help build according to His blueprints for each life. "Certainly I will be with thee."

It is a call destined to accomplish the purpose of God. No oppressor can throttle or thwart it. No Egypt can evade or escape it. "My people" shall be brought forth! "We are more than conquerors."

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Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. (Cities of Refuge): They were Bezer, Ramoth, Golan, Kedesh, Shechem and Hebron—so called because they were refuge cities to which criminals might flee for protection (see Numbers 35:6).

2. (Short letter directions): See Third John, verses 13 and 14.

3. (The name Herod): "Herod, the king," in Acts 12:1, was known as Herod Agrippa I; "Herod" in Acts 13:1, and Luke 9:9, was Herod Antipas, while referred to as "Herod, the king," was really known as Herod, the Grate.

4. (Mistakes in Geneva Bible): In the Beatitudes, the printer's mistake read: "Blessed are the place makers" (instead of "peace makers"). In the Geneva Bible edition of 1631, became known as the "wicked Bible," the word "not" having been left out of the Seventh Commandment. (Read it in your Bible today, leaving out the word "not," and you will see why it was called the "wicked Bible.")

citizen might make it difficult for my friends to restrain their children at this point. So, paraphrasing Paul, I said, "If my smoking cigarettes gives my neighbor trouble with his children I'll smoke no more cigarettes while the world stands." So I quit.

4. I did not want to be a slave. I discovered that cigarettes had what seemed to be an unconquerable hold on me. When I tried to quit, life was miserable. So, I said, "I would rather have died than be a slave to a man like Kaiser Bill in Germany and by the same token will I not allow myself to play the baby act and continue a slave to a pesky little habit like smoking cigarettes." With confessedly much physical anguish I quit. A terrific fight at first; once over the hill it has been easy sailing and I am now so glad I do not smoke cigarettes.

5. I did not want to continue in a habit that required constant making apologies and asking permissions. My notion of an ideal gentleman is one who in any society does not have to apologize for, or ask permission to indulge any of his fixed habits, or be miserable if conditions make it impracticable for him to indulge them. —Baptist Standard.

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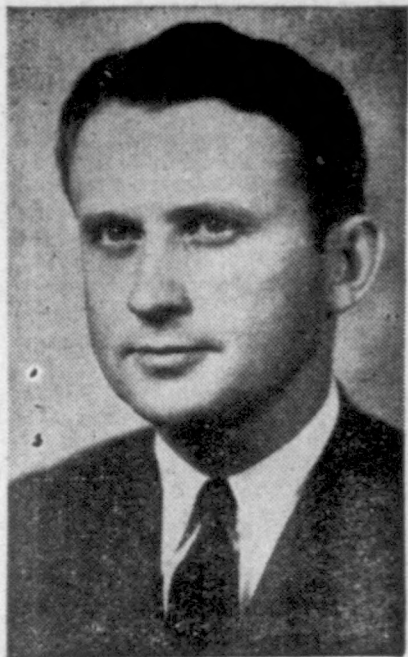
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REV. H. B. BENSON

Rev. H. B. Benson recently completed his second year as pastor at Terry. The church has gone forward under his leadership, although the war has taken its toll and the people from the government project are no longer members of the Terry congregation. Terry has never been so able financially. Recently the church purchased a thousand dollar bond to be used for a pastor's home when and if. Two hundred dollars more has already been given toward another thousand. This is above their regular budget.

Due to government regulations, the school trucks which had been bringing the people from the west and the east side of the government project to the Terry church were stopped. To solve the problem of ministering to these people Brother Benson organized the Terry Mission into a church now known as "New Haven." They have finished their building and have enhanced this place of worship by painting inside and out. New Haven now has a cooperative budget and is self-sustaining in every respect. They are now planning an enlargement program, because they are in much need of more space due to their growth in the last year. New Haven now has a Standard Sunday school with the exception of one point, a splendid Training Union for the young folk, and an unusually responsive W. M. U. (It is also an EF church.—Editor.)

In order to meet the needs of the people on the east side of the project Brother Benson led the people in building a nice church. This church is known as "Mt. Morgan," and is a member of the Hinds-Warren Association. They are debt free and self-sustaining. They have already ninety dollars on a building fund in interest of church improvement. They will celebrate their first anniversary as a church in August.

These accomplishments are interesting but are by no means the most important service rendered by our pastor. His ministry has been one of strength and comfort. His unusual spiritual quality has permeated his work and his sermons and because of this he has become "pastor beloved." —Reporter.

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE READY FOR RECORD ENROLLMENT

Mississippi College at Clinton is preparing for the largest enrollment in its long history of 117 years. A year ago the Hillman College campus was annexed to Mississippi College and all Hillman buildings are now open to young women. This year 350 naval officer trainees are to be added and will occupy Chrestman and Alumni buildings. Ratliff Hall is open to single ministerial students while the married men will live in homes in town. Jennings Hall is open to other civilian students. Many students will come from Jackson daily in cars provided by the college, and the local patronage will continue to be good.

New members are being added to the faculty and new courses are being planned. The naval officers who are already in command are men of character and ability. They are co-operating in helping to maintain the high ideals and principles for which Mississippi College is noted.

Mississippi College is not being taken over by the Navy, but on the other hand, selected prospective naval officers are here to be taught by the regular college faculty and become a part of the regular student body. The physical training and discipline of the Navy students is administered by a staff of naval officials. Mississippi College hopes to be a great help and inspiration to these men in uniform, and it is also hoped that the civilian students will gain valuable lessons from them in learning promptness, neatness, obedience, regularity and strict adherence to duty. Mississippi College is fortunate in being one of the few colleges of the nation selected from a great number of applicants for this particular type of training.

Students can enter July 5th, September 1st or November 1st. President D. M. Nelson will welcome inquiries from those who are interested not only in the mental and physical, but the moral and spiritual as well. Clinton is the home of many great personalities and Mississippi College is noted for the remarkable number of leaders who have been educated in its historic walls.

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Shuqualak Baptist Church: We have just closed a very successful Daily Vacation Bible school with commencement on the night of June 27. The enrollment in our school this year was 74, with a daily attendance of 60. I have never seen children conduct themselves in a finer manner than each child did during the time of our school. The school work was finished on Friday morning and the entire group was taken to a nice grove where a picnic was held, and games enjoyed. Workers were: Mrs. Earl C. Edwards, principal and Junior leader; Miss Elise Hand, helper; Mrs. J. H. Newton, leader of the Beginners; helpers, Miss Lovedie Tyson, Miss Jean Prince and Miss Bennet Prince. Mrs. Aubrey E. Clett of Houston, Mississippi, was with us again this year and was leader for the Primaries. Mrs. Clett's helpers were: Miss Mary Elizabeth Thornton and Miss Carolyn Hunter Flora. Our Intermediates were led by Miss Helen Frances Kellis and Mrs. Joe Kellis Bounds. Boys' handwork was led by Edd Kellis and the pastor, E. C. Edwards.—Pastor.

DR. C. A. JOHNSON

Dr. C. A. Johnson, 82, one of Calhoun county's beloved retired physicians died at his home in Bruce Wednesday, June 30. He was graduated from Memphis Medical College in 1894; practiced his profession in Calhoun county for a half century. He was of the old school, ever giving aid to the needy and distressed, sympathy to the sorrowing and advice to the troubled. He served his day and generation well and will be sadly missed. Services were conducted at the Baptist church Thursday evening by Rev. L. F. Haire, assisted by Pastors Schmits, Roane, Brasher, McKee, Ellard and Jacks. Deacons of the church acted as pallbearers: W. M. Shelton, Jack Yancy, Joe Longest, R. E. Collums, Z. R. Hastings, V. E. Crawford, J. E. Lyles, W. C. Speir, W. J. Lyles, H. K. Logan. Burial was at Antioch Baptist Church with Masonic rites. He was a senior deacon of Bruce Baptist Church, honored member of the Masonic order and member of the State Medical Association. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Evangeline Johnson; three sons, Dr. C. D. Johnson, Waco, Tex.; H. G. Johnson, Big Creek; W. B. Johnson. Mrs. D. A. McKibean, Mrs. W. B. Cannon of Bruce. One brother, W. F. Johnson, Banner. The love and esteem in which he was held was attested by the large crowd attending his last rites and the beautiful floral offerings.

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Richmond, Va.—Women "supply pastors" to replace clergymen serving as chaplains with the armed forces are suggested by the Virginia Methodist Advocate. "The shortage of ministers here in the Virginia Conference is becoming more and more pronounced, and will doubtless become acute before the war is over," writes Dr. George W. Reamy, editor of the Advocate. "Would it not be practicable to ask our colleges and seminaries to provide special three or six months courses to help equip some of our fine young ladies to do supply work for the duration?" Prominent clergymen of other denominations said here that their churches in Virginia were not at present faced with a sufficient shortage of ministers to need to consider the matter of women preachers.

Frankfort, Ky.—(RNS)—The court of appeals has finally disposed of the 1940 legislative act permitting transportation of children to parochial schools in publicly owned school buses by overruling petitions for rehearing filed against former decisions and placing the judicial stamp of death upon the act. The court's previous opinion, affirmed here and on which the mandate was issued immediately, held that such an act ran counter to the State Constitution forbidding the expenditure of public funds to aid sectarian schools. Issuance of the mandate places the court's ruling into immediate effect.

New York (RNS)—The board of managers of the Lord's Day Alliance, meeting here, approved plans which will urge state and national governments "to follow the lead of the Canadian government in the elimination of all liquor advertising . . . as a war measure." The board also instructed the Alliance's secretary "to convey to newspapers . . . to public service corporations, and to the Federal Communications Commission, that measures be taken forthwith to eliminate all advertising of alcoholic beverages and other kinds of business not in harmony with the spirit of the Sabbath."

SINGER



REV. JESSE BOYD, JR.

Rev. Jesse Boyd, Jr., pastor of the Baptist Church of Pearl River, La., is leading the singing in the revival meeting now going on at the Good-year Baptist Church, Picayune. He is a native of Mississippi and a graduate of Mississippi College, and will finish his course at the Baptist Bible Institute in one more year.

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MRS. W. R. COOPER

It has pleased God, in His wisdom, to call from earthly life, our dear friend, Mrs. Ruby Meyers Cooper, wife of our former pastor, Brother W. R. Cooper.

Therefore, be it resolved:

First, that the Silver Creek Baptist Church, has lost a most faithful friend. Always modest and unassuming, yet deeply consecrated, zealous in every good work, generous and charitable toward all, her beautiful life among us has endeared her to each one of us, and her influence for good has been felt in our church community.

Second, that even as we sorrow, because of her passing, we thank God for her usefulness, her zeal, and devotion to her home, her friends and her Lord.

Third, that we express our deepest sympathy to Brother Cooper and children, commending them to the Father, who has promised to comfort the sorrowing.

Fourth, that a copy of these resolutions be given to the family, a copy spread upon the minutes of the church, a copy sent to the Tylertown Times, and a copy to The Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. TERRELL, Chairman,
A. G. FLIPPEN,
A. J. RAYBORN,
MRS. C. A. REEVES,
MRS. W. T. JACKSON.

—BR—

A. V. Faggard will assist Pastor W. M. Tabb in a revival meeting at Providence church, Lawrence county, which will be held July 18-23.

Last Minute Debt News: Another \$100,000 has been paid or is in hand to pay on the old Southwide debt. Balance July 1, \$450,000. Everybody help and we shall be Debt Free in '43.—Count on Me.

St. Louis (RNS)—As a means of acquainting St. Louis ministers with juvenile court problems, and to demonstrate the court's willingness to co-operate with churches in helping stamp out juvenile delinquency, Circuit Judge Michael Scott, of the juvenile and domestic relations court, invites pastors from the Metropolitan Church Federation to sit at the council table with him as he reviews the cases on the docket